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TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1234; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Information received through Madison, Wisconsin, Police Dept. that John Sampson and another individual, identity unknown, robbed a jewelry store in Madison on May 23, 1935. Sampson subsequently received 1 to 15 years sentence for this crime, and he now asserts that Volney Davis was the actual thief in the case, and that he resided at 120 Wilson St., Madison, at that time. Investigation at that address disclosed that G. L. Jordan and wife resided there from May 24 to June 2, 1935. Jordan not identified as Volney Davis. Chicago files in instant case reflect Volney Davis lived in Madison about a week to ten days prior to his arrest, June 1, 1935. Interview with John Sampson and Richard Graham, who was arrested with Sampson, August 30, 1935, in connection with jewelry holdup, unproductive as to material value in case. Sampson advises he received stolen jewelry found by police in his possession from one Carl Johnson, a bootlegger, California; states he later saw Carl Johnson in company with Volney Davis in Post Office, Madison, and surmised that Davis assisted Carl Johnson in theft of jewels. Description of Carl Johnson, as furnished by Sampson, corresponds to that of G. L. Jordan. Believe Carl Johnson or G. L. Jordan is Peoria, Illinois, character. Collected information indicates Volney Davis was in association with John Sampson and possibly others during various burglaries and holdups mentioned herein. Photograph of Tony Moreno obtained from Sheriff's office, Wheaton, Illinois.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Letters from Milwaukee Office to Bureau dated 11/6/35 and 11/14/35; Chicago Office teletype message to Bureau dated 11/6/35; Report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Chicago, Ill., dated 6/10/35; Report of Special Agent A. E. Farland, Kansas City, Mo., 10/23/35; Report of Special Agent K. A. McIntire, Chicago, Ill., 2/26/35.</p>			
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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent J. L. Madala, and is being reported by him:

On November 6, 1935, Special Agent in Charge V. W. Petersen, of the Milwaukee Bureau Office, telephoned the Chicago Bureau Office and advised that Assistant United States Attorney Harold E. Hanson, of Madison, Wisconsin, communicated with him by telephone, at which time he advised that the Madison, Wisconsin, Police had provided him with the following information:

On May 23, 1935, a jewelry store operated by R. W. Nelson, 330 State Street, Madison, Wisconsin, was robbed by two men. One John Sampson, with aliases, and Richard Graham were subsequently arrested on suspicion, and a search of their apartment revealed part of the stolen merchandise obtained from the above robbery. Both Sampson and Graham were subsequently convicted for this crime, and Sampson was sentenced to serve one to fifteen years in the Wisconsin State Penitentiary at Waupun, Wisconsin. Recently information was received by the Madison Police Department, indirectly through John Sampson, and directly through his attorney, to the effect that the jewelry store was actually burglarized by Volney Davis, in that Volney Davis came to Madison, Wisconsin, a few days prior to the robbery of the above-mentioned store, and rented an apartment under the name of G. L. Jordan, at 126 East Wilson Street, Madison, Wisconsin.

Special Agent in Charge Petersen further advised that the Madison, Wisconsin, Police Department requested of him information concerning the whereabouts of Volney Davis on May 23, 1935. He stated that inasmuch as the file of the Milwaukee Bureau Office pertaining to this matter was incomplete, he suggested that the files in the Chicago Bureau Office be examined in an effort to ascertain whether Volney Davis was in the vicinity of Madison, Wisconsin, during the period in question.

The files in this case were reviewed, and it was noted in the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Chicago, Illinois, dated June 10, 1935, that Volney Davis admitted in a signed statement to agents of this office that he resided in Madison, Wisconsin, a week or ten days prior to his arrest, which was on June 1, 1935. It was further noted, in the report of Special Agent K. R. McIntire, Chicago, Illinois, dated February 26, 1935, that John Sampson and his wife, Evelyn Sampson, nee Evelyn Westphal, were previously interviewed by Bureau agents relative to the case against Matt Gleason for the harboring of Volney Davis. At that time they both admitted that Volney Davis appeared at Gleason's home, where they also were residing, on the night of his escape at

Yorkville, Illinois, but denied knowing Davis' true identity and, also, knowledge of his being a Government fugitive. Both of these individuals are listed as Government witnesses in the case against Matthew Gleason, as reflected in the summary report of Special Agent A. L. Muzrey, Chicago, Illinois, dated April 18, 1935.

Inasmuch as John Sampson has been previously apprised of the fugitive status of Volney Davis, and since he now asserts that Davis was the actual thief in the robbery for which he was in all probability duly convicted and sentenced, it was felt that the Bureau is now in a better position to interview Sampson with reference to the case against Matt Gleason.

A summary of the above information was furnished to the Bureau by teletype message on November 6, 1935, with the suggestion that Agent Madala, who is entirely familiar with the facts in this case, proceed to Waupun, Wisconsin, and interview John Sampson.

It might also be stated that Special Agent in Charge V. W. Peterson was notified of the above facts by telephone on the same date.

At the Wisconsin State Penitentiary, the writer interviewed John Sampson in the Chief Clerk's office, and in the presence of John Morgan, the record clerk. This procedure was in accordance with the penitentiary rules and regulations. The interview with John Sampson at this time was very brief, on account of the fact that Agent arrived at the penitentiary only a few minutes before closing time. However, Sampson was interviewed at great length on the following day, and since the information furnished by him during the first interview was very limited, the same will be included in the second interview with him, which will be set out hereinafter in this report.

In order to secure a better background of the case against Sampson, which would greatly facilitate the interrogation of him, Agent Madala, upon prior authority from Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd, proceeded to Madison, Wisconsin, and, together with Special Agent Albert Franz of the Milwaukee Bureau Office, interviewed Captain Leo Kinney of the Madison, Wisconsin, Police Department. This interview was conducted on the morning of November 7, 1935, in Captain Kinney's office.

Captain Kinney stated that on August 30, 1935, he received certain information to the effect that some suspicious-acting persons had been living in H. Olson's residence at 425 Clemons Street, Madison,

Wisconsin, for the past four months; that he detailed Detective Austin to interview the neighbors at the above address, and it was ascertained that the man who rented the house did not work and that he came and went at all times; further, that two weeks prior to August 30, 1935, there had been another couple visiting with these people, and that they were driving a Ford V-8 automobile, 1934 model.

Captain Kinney advised that he and his men conducted a raid on the apartment in question and apprehended Sylvia Graham and Evelyn Sampson. He stated that both of these women were interviewed, and that Evelyn Sampson claimed that she was married to John Sampson at Aurora, Illinois, on October 6, 1934; that her husband was a gambler by occupation. He further stated that Sylvia Graham stated that her husband was an ex-tavern keeper, and that he at one time operated the Ridgeway Gardens in Aurora, Illinois, having sold this business in April of this year. She further stated that she has been married to her present husband, Richard Graham, for the past two years.

Captain Kinney further advised that a search of the Sampson apartment revealed a .351 calibre 10-clip Winchester Rifle, wrapped in a pair of coveralls, a box of shells, two clips for this rifle, and a .38 calibre Colt Revolver, which was loaded and was contained in a holster. Captain Kinney stated that these firearms were exhibited to Evelyn Sampson, and she claimed that they belonged to her husband. The police also found in a bedroom a small suitcase, which contained several \$2.00 packages of nickels, wrapped in paper, and also several \$5.00 packages of dimes, with the name "Wisconsin Power and Light Company" printed on the wrappers. Captain Kinney questioned the women about this money, and he was informed by Sylvia Graham that the same was given to her by her husband prior to his departure that day.

In the garage located at the rear of the house, Captain Kinney found a 1934 model Ford V-8 Sedan, bearing Illinois license plates No. 195-268, which were issued to Richard Graham, 19 South Lincoln Avenue, Aurora, Illinois. There were also found, in a cupboard in this garage, the following license plates, which were wrapped in newspaper: 1933 Wisconsin plates No. 184-834; 1935 Illinois license plates No. 810-665, 1-010-275, 695-339, and 1-178-892. In the same cupboard there were also found two dozen dynamite caps with fuses attached, one glove, one light-colored cap, and a gun holster. The door of the Ford automobile was locked, and upon forcibly opening the car they found under the rubber mat a set of 1933 Missouri license plates No. 546957.

Captain Kinney further advised that after the women were placed in custody at the police station, they returned to the apartment in question, and conducted a further search in the bedroom, located at the north corner of the house. He stated that they found in the dresser a new Baby Ben Alarm Clock, and upon examination of same they discovered that it had been scratched at the bottom, which fact appeared somewhat suspicious. They also found, in a suitcase under the bed, a small round black-colored clock, and a three-piece toilet set, which the police immediately identified as part of the merchandise taken in the Nelson Jewelry Store holdup. Captain Kinney stated that he subsequently called Mr. Nelson, owner of the above jewelry store, and he positively identified these articles as part of the merchandise taken from his store.

Captain Kinney advised that he and his men remained at 425 Clemons Street all that afternoon and evening, and that at about 9:45 P.M. two men entered the home and they were immediately taken into custody. He stated that prior to the entrance of these persons into the apartment they were observed to drive an automobile into the garage, and after they were taken into custody Kinney's men again searched the garage and this time found, in the same cupboard where the license plates and dynamite caps were found, a large sack which contained a gas mask, a "jimmie" bar, a short-handled ten-pound sledge hammer, and three punch hammers of a very modern design, used to punch dials on safes.

Captain Kinney stated that all four persons were again searched at the police station, and they found in the possession of Mr. and Mrs. Sampson more jewelry, which was identified as part of the loot taken in the Nelson Jewelry holdup. They also found at this time \$292.22 of bills and wrapped money in the possession of Richard Graham, which money was later identified as that taken from the Beloit Dairy Company, which was burglarized on the night of August 30, 1935.

Kinney further stated that a few days thereafter, he communicated with the Aurora Police Department and advised them of the arrest of John Sampson and Richard Graham, requesting that they search the room of the latter at 19 South Lincoln Street, Aurora, Illinois. He stated that Captain John Reiland subsequently advised him by telephone that their search at the above address revealed a bunch of money wrappers, several .45 calibre bullets, a large knife, and a wedding certificate of Richard Gramingo and Sylvia Sheets, indicating that they were married on July 28, 1934, at Peoria, Illinois. Captain Reiland

further informed Captain Kinney that he interviewed Mrs. L. Holmes, landlady of the rooming house at the above address, and she advised that Mr. and Mrs. Graham had roomed with her for over a year; that several men had visited the Grahams during the night, and that they would stay for a couple of hours and then leave; that she could hear them talking in loud tones but could not understand their language, which was in a foreign tongue. She further stated that Richard Graham was very friendly with two persons whom she knows only as "Sammy" and "Twig," the latter person being identical with Roy Terwilliger, who resides in Aurora, Illinois, and who is a gambler by occupation. Captain Reiland further stated that both John Sampson and Richard Graham are police characters in Aurora, Illinois, and that Sampson formerly operated a bookmaking game in Aurora; that Richard Graham, up until April 15, 1935, owned and operated, jointly with John Terwilliger a tavern known as the Ridgeway Gardens, which is located immediately outside of the corporate limits of Aurora, Illinois; that he sold this place of business to John Wagner.

Captain Kinney further stated that one of his men, Detective Austin, received certain information to the effect that John Sampson had, in May of this year, left a suitcase containing valuables, at the farm of Evelyn Sampson's grandfather, Nick Durst, located one mile west of Peoli, Wisconsin; that on September 2, 1935, he and Detective Austin proceeded to the farm of Nick Durst and there interviewed the owner and his son-in-law, Mr. R. Klassey, who stated that on or about May 25, 1935, John Sampson came to the farm and asked Mr. Durst whether he could leave a suitcase there; that his wife was in the hospital, and that he was away a great deal of the time and was somewhat afraid to leave it in his home at Madison, Wisconsin. Mr. Durst gave him permission to leave the suitcase there. About three weeks later Mr. Klassey, the son-in-law, had occasion to lift the suitcase, and he noted that it was very light. He stated that he thereupon shook the suitcase, and it appeared that the same contained numerous small pasteboard boxes. He stated that he attempted to unlock the suitcase with a hairpin but was unable to do so.

Captain Kinney further stated that his investigation determined that Leota Gardner, who resides at 1259 Speight Street, Madison, Wisconsin, was employed as a maid in the Sampson home from June 7 to June 24, 1935. She was interviewed by Captain Kinney, and advised that she began work on June 7, 1935, and that Sampson left his home on that day and returned two days later, being accompanied by a short fellow whom Sampson referred to as "Herman"; that Herman and Sampson again left the house on June 11, 1935, and Sampson returned alone on

June 14, 1935. She stated that on the morning of June 24, 1935, Mrs. Sampson telephoned her and advised that her sister was coming to live with them and that they would not need her services any longer. She stated that at no time while she was employed by the Sampsons did Mrs. Sampson allow her to go into her bedroom. Miss Gardner described the Herman mentioned above as being 31 years of age, height 5'6", weight 130 pounds, dark complexion, and a good dresser, and stated he was from Aurora, Illinois. This individual undoubtedly is Herman Edlmann, who was likewise living at the home of Matt Gleason at the time Agents raided that place on February 8, 1935.

Captain Kinney further stated that the Graham-Paige automobile which was taken from the possession of John Sampson at the time of his arrest was found to have been purchased by Evelyn Sampson on June 1, 1935, from the Bird-Sykes Motor Car Company, Chicago, Illinois. It carried 1935 Wisconsin license plates #549-143.

Further information provided by Captain Kinney disclosed that approximately \$612.00 of the jewelry taken from the Nelson Jewelry Store at Madison, Wisconsin, was found in the possession of the Sampsons.

He further stated that a check of the long distance and toll calls from the residence at 425 Clemons Street during the period the Sampsons resided there, disclosed that a long distance call was placed on July 24, 1935, to a person named Johnson at Peoria 8913. Captain Kinney subsequently requested the Peoria Police Department to conduct investigation of the above telephone number, the result of which investigation will be hereinafter reported.

Captain Kinney further stated that while Mrs. Sampson was being held in custody at the Dade County Jail, Madison, Wisconsin, she attempted to smuggle a letter out of the jail, and through the cooperation of one of the deputy guards this letter was intercepted and turned over to Captain Kinney. He advised that the letter in question was addressed to "Red Mellon," at 210 Hamilton Street, Peoria, Illinois, and read as follows:

"Say, Red, tell Jim to come up to the police.
Tell Jim that Sam and Rich, his wife, and I
are in jail. We can't see anybody.

/s/ Sam's Wife,
Evelyn.

P.S. Don't tell who wrote this. Tell them
you got it in papers."

Captain Kinney stated that he transmitted this information to the Police Department at Peoria, Illinois, and they subsequently wrote him the following letter which records their investigation at Peoria, Illinois:

Police Department
Peoria, Illinois
September 7, 1935

Chief of Police
Madison, Wisconsin

"Replying to your communication addressed to me under date of September 4, 1935, and advising me of the two men whom you have in your custody for the Halson Jewelry Company robbery of your city, John Sampson, alias Sam Johnson, and Richard Graham.

"This department has no record of these subjects, although inquiry discloses that John Sampson was in Peoria on several occasions bootlegging in the wholesale field.

"Checked telephone call to a tavern in Peoria, Illinois. Police keeping same under surveillance. Is a shady place and hangout for confidence men. Regarding Red Mellon, be advised that he also operates a tavern. No photograph or fingerprints of either Sampson or Graham available in files of Peoria Police Department. We also have no photograph or fingerprints of James K. Carrigan, 210 Hamilton Street, Peoria, Illinois, who also operates a tavern at the above address. Both Mellon and Carrigan bear shady reputations but have no criminal record.

/s/ CHIEF OF POLICE,
Peoria Police Department."

Captain Kinney advised that since the arrest of John Sampson and Richard Graham he received warrants for their arrest from the Police Departments of Naperville, Illinois, Sycamore, Illinois, and Beloit, Wisconsin. The Naperville warrant is dated

September 3, 1935, and charges John Sampson and one John Doe with robbery and larceny of the Naperville Creamery Company on July 3, 1935. The Syeamore, Illinois warrant which is dated September 3, 1935, charges John Sampson and Richard Graham with intent to commit robbery with a gun on August 23, 1935, and the warrant from Beloit, Wisconsin, dated September 3, 1935, charges John Sampson and Richard Graham with burglary of the Beloit Dairy Company on August 30, 1935.

Captain Kinney further stated that since the conviction of John Sampson for the instant jewelry holdup, his attorney, Mr. D. MacIntyre, is trying to prove that Volney Davis was the individual who actually robbed the Nelson Jewelry store on May 23, 1935. According to Captain Kinney, Mr. MacIntyre informed him that Volney Davis was living at 120 East Wilson Street, Madison, Wisconsin, at that time; that immediately upon receipt of this information he relayed it to Assistant United States Attorney Harold E. Hanson as he knew that the Government would be interested in any information regarding this individual.

Captain Kinney further advised that he conducted an investigation at 120 East Wilson Street, Madison, Wisconsin, and determined that a Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Jordan were residing there for approximately two weeks around the time of the holdup, but that no identification of Volney Davis was made.

It was further learned from Captain Kinney that Richard Graham was not tried with John Sampson for the instant jewelry holdup as there did not appear sufficient evidence on hand to successfully prosecute him. Graham, however, is still under indictment on this charge and is presently in custody of the Sheriff at Madison, Wisconsin, in default of a \$3,000.00 bond.

Photographs of John Sampson and Richard Graham were obtained from the Identification Unit of the Madison Police Department and are being retained in the Chicago Bureau Office file.

Captain Kinney pledged his wholehearted cooperation with reference to this matter, and advised that should he receive any further information which might be of value in this investigation he will immediately communicate with the Milwaukee Bureau Office.

Special Agent Albert Frenz and Agent Madala interviewed Richard Graham in the Dane County Jail, Madison, Wisconsin, on the evening of November 6, 1935, at which time he provided the following information: he advised that his correct name is Richard Gramigna, but that he has used the alias of Graham for the past fifteen years; that his residence address is 547 Hoyles Street, Aurora, Illinois, which is the home of his mother, but that he last resided at 1900 South Lincoln Street, Aurora, Illinois. Graham advised that he was born in Aurora, Illinois, in 1903, and attended elementary and high school at North Aurora, Illinois. He stated that he is a bricklayer by trade; that for the past three or four years he owned and operated several taverns in and around Aurora, Illinois; that during 1933 and 1934 he, together with Al Pottermann, his brother-in-law, conducted a tavern at 112 New York Street, Aurora, Illinois, and he later went into partnership with one Roy Twilliger in the operation of the Ridgeway Gardens, a tavern located on the outskirts of Aurora; that he and Twilliger sold this place in April, 1935, and since that time he, Graham, has not followed any employment.

With reference to John Sampson, Graham advised that he has known him since 1933, having met him in a tavern in Aurora; that Sampson at that time was doing a little bootlegging and also worked part time in a "bookie" place, which was operated by Mat Gleason. Graham advised that he and Sampson subsequently became very friendly, and that their wives likewise were closely associated; that after John Sampson moved to Madison, Wisconsin, in May, 1935, he returned to Aurora, Illinois, some time in June on a visit to him; that Sampson on this occasion told him that he was living in Madison, and that his wife had just given birth to a baby boy; that Sampson invited him and his wife to their place on a visit.

Graham further advised that they visited the Sampsons in Madison, Wisconsin, on or about July 1, 1935, at which time they stayed for two days; that they again visited the Sampsons on or about August 15, 1935, at Sampson's request, he and his wife remaining with them for two weeks. Graham stated that he did not pay John Sampson anything for their stay at the Sampson's residence, but that his wife was a great help to Mrs. Sampson in caring for the baby. He advised that during this period he went on two trips with John Sampson to Rockford, Illinois, where he assisted Sampson in looking

for an apartment. In this connection Graham advised that Sampson had to move from his place in Madison, Wisconsin, by September 1, 1935, due to the terms of his lease.

Graham continued that on the day of their arrest in Madison, Wisconsin, which was on August 30, 1935, he and Sampson had been to Rockford, Illinois, looking for an apartment and Sampson tentatively rented one, the address of which Graham was unable to recall; that upon their return to Madison at approximately 9:30 P.M. both were taken into custody by the police.

Continuing, Graham advised that during his stay with the Sampsons at Madison, he did not meet any of Sampson's friends nor did he introduce him to anyone either in Madison or Rockford, Illinois; that the only place he frequented with Sampson was the Yahara Tavern, which is located at Williamson Street and Thornton Street in Madison; that Sampson appeared very friendly with the employees in this tavern, but at no time did he observe him talking or associating with any of the customers in this place.

Graham advised that Sampson owns a 1928 or 1929 model Graham Paige automobile which Sampson's wife purchased in Chicago, Illinois. When asked whether he ever took a trip with Sampson other than to Rockford, Illinois, Graham advised that on one occasion during September, 1934, while Sampson was living in Aurora, Illinois, he accompanied him on a business trip to Havana, Illinois, where he met one Gerald Brown who operates a tavern in that city; that it is his understanding that Brown and Sampson are the best of friends, and that while Sampson was selling bootleg liquor in 1933 he was closely associated with Brown in this enterprise.

With reference to Volney Davis Graham advised that he does not know him personally, nor does he recall ever having seen him in Aurora, Illinois, although he has heard that Davis frequented his place of business on several occasions during the Spring of 1934. He also denied knowing Bill Weaver, Myrtle Eaton and Edna Murray. Photographs of these persons were exhibited to Graham without any identifications being made by him.

Agent also questioned Graham concerning whether he ever met a man either in Aurora, Illinois, or Madison, Wisconsin, by the name of Carl Johnson or G. L. Jordan, and he replied in the

negative. [It will be noted that the name Carl Johnson first came up during Agent Madala's initial interview with John Sampson at the penitentiary on November 6, 1935, which interview is being set out in a later portion of this report.] A description of Jordan and Carl Johnson was given to Graham but he stated that to his recollection he does not recall anyone answering to either description.

Graham advised that he was arrested on suspicion with John Sampson on August 30, 1935, and upon the police finding a quantity of jewelry in Sampson's possession, which was identified as part of the merchandise taken in the Nelson Jewelry store holdup, he, Graham, was charged with this crime. He stated that he is entirely innocent of this charge, and that he feels confident that his attorney will be successful in gaining his freedom. He advised that he had been in jail since August 30, 1935, in default of a \$5,000.00 bond.

Concerning Roy Twilliger, Graham advised that this individual at one time served a year and a day in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, for violation of the National Prohibition Act; that he has not seen Twilliger for some time, but believes that he is working in a "hookie" place in Aurora, Illinois.

Graham stoutly denied that he assisted John Sampson in any burglary or robbery; further, that he was totally ignorant of the fact that Sampson had a quantity of stolen jewels and license plates in his garage. He stated that he owned a 1933 model Ford V-8 Sedan at the time of his arrest, but since his incarceration the finance company repossessed this automobile due to several delinquencies in his payments on same.

It might be stated that although Graham denied any acquaintance with Volney Davis, it will be recalled that informant and Pete DeKing, of Aurora, Illinois, previously advised Agents of this Office that he had received information from some source, which source he was unable to recall, that on the night Volney Davis escaped from Bureau Agents at Yorkville, Illinois, he proceeded directly to the Ridgeway Gardens in the automobile which he stole to make his get-away, and contacted either Graham or Twilliger, who

arranged to abandon the automobile. It might also be stated that both Twilliger and Graham bore unsavory reputations in Aurora, and it has been frequently mentioned by various persons in that city that they particularly catered to the hoodlum and gangster element in Aurora while they operated the Ridgeway Gardens there.

Agents interviewed Richard Graham at great length concerning the identity of Carl Johnson or G. L. Jordan, but he steadfastly denied that he knew anyone by those names or anyone who answered to their descriptions.

The following memorandum was submitted by Special Agent Albert Franz of the Milwaukee Bureau Office, and it records the investigation independently conducted by him at Madison, Wisconsin. This information was previously submitted in the form of a letter to the Bureau under date of November 14, 1935, but is included in this report for the information of the St. Louis Bureau Office, it being noted that that Office did not receive a copy of the letter in question.

"On November 7, 1935, Agent interviewed Captain Leo Kinney of the Madison, Wisconsin Police Department relative to the robbery of Nelson's Jewelry store at Madison, Wisconsin, on May 23, 1935, and the connection of Volney Davis relative thereto. Captain Kinney stated that a Mr. D. MacIntyre, attorney-at-law, Madison, Wisconsin, is trying to prove that Volney Davis was the individual who actually robbed the Nelson Jewelry store on May 23. MacIntyre represents one Richard Graham, who was arrested with John Sampson, alias Sam Johnson, in connection with the instant robbery. It is also stated that he went to the newspapers with his story and in view of this, Agent did not deem it advisable to interview MacIntyre at this time, feeling that MacIntyre might make something of the inquiry of Agent which would harm the State's case against Graham.

"At 120 East Wilson Street, Madison, Wisconsin, Agent interviewed Mr. Arthur A. Frautschi, who maintains a high-class undertaking establishment at the above address. Mr. Frautschi stated that he did not see the man who was supposed to be Volney Davis, but

that the apartment was rented to a man and woman who gave the names of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Jordan, and was actually rented through his secretary John H. Shantz.

Mr. Frantashi exhibited a photograph of the baby which he found in the apartment after Mr. and Mrs. Jordan did not return. The photograph apparently was made by the Pike Studio, 118 1/2 South Adams Street, Peoria, Illinois. Inquiry at this studio relative to the identity and whereabouts of the Jordans disclosed that they were unknown.

A card of Dr. Walter P. Whipple, 119 South Adams Street, Peoria, Illinois, was also found in the apartment of the Jordans, and he too denied knowing them.

Mr. Shantz informed Agent that on May 24, 1935, the Jordans rented the apartment at \$45.00 per month from him, paying \$7.00 down at that time, and paying \$22.50 additional on June 1, 1935. On June 8, 1935, they advised Mr. Shantz that they were going away for the weekend but they never returned. He further informed that at the time the Jordans rented the apartment from him they bought some cheap dishes and groceries, which they left behind.

Agent also interviewed Norbert Reining and Lloyd Milling, of the same address, and they, together with Mr. Shantz, furnished the following descriptions of Mr. and Mrs. Jordan:

Mr. Jordan		Mrs. Jordan	
Age	28 or 29	Age	25 to 26
Height	5'8"	Height	5'6"
Weight	155 lbs.	Weight	115 lbs.
Hair	black, straight	Hair	black
Complexion	dark	Complexion	dark
Build	broad shoulders		
Speech	Southern accent		
Occupation	claimed to be a sport owner.		
	Had a Ford V-8 Coupe with Georgia plates		

"All the persons interviewed at 180 East Wilson Street, Madison, Wisconsin, advised Agent that the Madison Police Department exhibited a photograph of Volney Davis to them, but that he in no way resembled Mr. Jordan who lived at that address.

"The pocket identification orders recently issued by the Bureau were likewise exhibited to these individuals by Agent, but they were unable to find anyone therein who resembled Mr. Jordan."

Inasmuch as Special Agent Franz did not have the most recent photograph of Volney Davis at the time he conducted the above investigation at 180 East Wilson Street, Madison, it was deemed advisable to return to that address and exhibit all available photographs of Volney Davis to those persons who had occasion to observe G. L. Jordan while he resided there. These photographs, as well as those of John Sampson, Richard Graham, William Weaver, Myrtle Eaton and Lloyd "Blackie" Doyle were exhibited to the persons mentioned in Agent Franz' memorandum without any identifications being made. It was the opinion of Mr. Shantz, the manager, that the most recent picture of Volney Davis bore a great likeness to Mr. Jordan, but he asserted that he is positive that the man in question had black hair and was very dark complexioned. This description somewhat eliminates the possibility of Jordan being identical with Volney Davis as the latter who has been seen by this Agent on several occasions, has decided blond hair and a fair complexion, and could not be mistakenly described as dark complexioned.

On the occasion of this interview Mr. Shantz somewhat changed his story from the original as to the last time he saw the man known to him as G. L. Jordan. He now states, after having given the matter further thought, that he last saw Jordan on the morning of June 1, 1935, at about 9 A.M., at which time he appeared at Mr. Shantz' office and paid two weeks rent in advance; that he gave no indication that he was going to move soon, nor did he state that he was expecting to leave town for some time. Mr. Shantz advised, that this statement was later corroborated by Norbert Reining that the supposed Mrs. Jordan remained until June 8, 1935, at which time she was observed leaving the building carrying a bird cage, advising that she was going to the lake for a few days. She, however, did not return to the apartment at any time thereafter to the

best of the information which could be obtained.

Mr. Shantz advised that although the photograph of a young child was found in the vacated apartment, he did not observe any child with the Jordans while they resided there.

Mr. Shantz also advised at this time that Mr. Jordan on one occasion mentioned that he was expecting to go to work at the Chanticleer Inn, a roadhouse which is located on the outskirts of Madison; that after the Jordans disappeared he, Shantz, made inquiries at this inn in the hopes of locating them, but was unsuccessful. He advised that the Chanticleer Inn is owned by Earl Johnson and another individual unknown to him; that he is personally acquainted with Johnson.

Mr. Shantz further advised that Jordan was driving a 1935 model Ford Coupe, bearing Georgia license plates, and that he always parked this car on the lot immediately adjoining this building; that this is a free parking lot and is used mainly by guests of the Madison Hotel, which is located a short distance away. This automobile is no doubt the same car which was taken from the possession of Volney Davis at the time of his arrest in Chicago, Illinois, on June 1, 1935, and which it was determined was stolen at Peoria, Illinois, in March of this year and subsequently registered in the State of Georgia in the name of G. L. Jordan.

With reference to the photograph of the baby found in the vacated apartment, Mr. Frautschi advised that he communicated with the Pike Studio, Peoria, Illinois, relative to same, and they replied that the photograph was their work, but that they could not supply any information whatsoever concerning the person who ordered the work done.

Concerning the business card of Dr. Walter B. Whipple, also of Peoria, Illinois, Mr. Frautschi stated that he likewise communicated with this doctor but apparently G. L. Jordan was unknown to him.

No further information of value could be obtained from either Mr. Shantz or Mr. Frautschi, and it might be stated that Mr. Shantz stated he would be able to identify Jordan if such an identification becomes necessary.

Agent Franz and Agent Madala made inquiries at the garage adjoining the parking lot on which, according to Mr. Shantz, Jordan kept his automobile, for any information which might assist in identifying the owner of the 1935 model Ford V-8 Coupe bearing Georgia license plates. Both the owner and his mechanic faintly recall such an automobile was parked on this lot, but they could furnish nothing further in connection therewith.

On the night of November 6, 1935, Agent Franz and Agent Madala visited the Yahara Inn, which is located on the corner of Williamson and Thornton Streets, Madison, Wisconsin. No customers were in or came in the place while Agents were there. A young woman was behind the bar serving drinks and a casual conversation with her disclosed that the ownership of this tavern has been in the hands of her husband's family for the past thirty-five years; that the majority of their patronage consists of old people who come there to indulge in games of cards. Agents, without disclosing their identities, questioned the woman concerning Carl Johnson but she did not appear to know him. She stated, however, that if he resides in the neighborhood and has frequented their place in the past her husband would surely know him. She explained that her husband was on a hunting trip and was not expected back until the following day. It might be stated that Captain Kinney conducted investigation in this tavern, and ascertained that John Sampson was known there, but that Carl Johnson was not; further, that the owner is a very reliable person and could be counted upon for any assistance and cooperation.

Agent Madala returned to Waupun, Wisconsin, on November 7, 1935, and again interviewed John Sampson at the penitentiary in the presence of a John Morgan, Record Clerk. Although Sampson asserted that he was telling the truth in all he knew, it was apparent from his evasive answers and ridiculous statements that he was giving false and incorrect facts as well as withholding information. He told several conflicting stories about certain points on which Agent endeavored to elicit from him, and when Agent confronted him with this fact, he would insist that Agent misunderstood him in the first instance. On a whole, the interview with Sampson was very unsatisfactory as it was obvious that he did not intend to tell the truth in any regard.

He advised that during the early days of prohibition he dealt heavily in alcohol, and by this means he became acquainted with Mat Gleason, who purchased some of his product. He stated that he started living at Gleason's home in May, 1933, and lived with Gleason until May, 1935, when he and his wife, whom he married in October, 1934, moved to Madison, Wisconsin, where he rented the lower portion of a duplex cottage at 425 Clemons Street. He stated that his reason for moving to Madison was mainly for the purpose of business, but he would not elaborate along this line.

Sampson continued that shortly after his arrival in Madison a baby boy was born to them; that while residing in Madison he frequented daily a tavern known as the Yahara Inn, which was located a short distance from his residence; that on or about May 25, 1935, while in this tavern, he became acquainted with a man who gave his name as Carl Johnson; that he soon became very friendly with this individual and indulged in many drinks with him; that Johnson advised that he was married and that his home was in California; that he likewise engaged in bootlegging in California, but since the repeal of prohibition his business became slack and finally had to give up this means of livelihood, whereupon he and his wife came to Madison, Wisconsin, in the hopes of finding a better field for the sale of his liquor. Sampson stated that Johnson was driving a 1934 model Chevrolet Coupe bearing California license plates, and that on the second or third day after he met Johnson, the latter invited him to accompany him on a ride in his automobile. He stated that while on this trip Johnson asked him whether he wanted to buy several articles of jewelry at a very cheap price, stating that he purchased this jewelry during the boom days, and inasmuch as he is now very "hard up" he is willing to part with this jewelry for a small amount of cash. According to Sampson, he advised Johnson that he likewise was low on cash but that he could afford to pay him about \$60.00; that in addition to this amount he would give him sixty-three gallons of bootleg alcohol and his wife's wrist watch. Sampson advised that this trade apparently met with the approval of Johnson as on the following day the trade was consummated along the above terms. At this point Johnson positively stated that although he knew he had gotten the best of the bargain, he, Sampson, did not at any time suspect that the jewelry was stolen. Sampson stated that the jewelry in question consisted of a man's wrist watch, a lady's diamond studded wrist watch, a wedding band and several other

women's rings. He continued that after he purchased the jewelry from Carl Johnson, he did not see Johnson any more at the Yahara Inn. However, a few days later, while he was in the Madison Post Office he noticed Johnson in the post office talking with a man whom he immediately recognized as Volney Davis, he having personally met Davis at Gleason's home in Aurora, Illinois, on the night of Davis' escape at Yorkville, Illinois. He stated that he did not talk with either of these individuals, and when Johnson left the post office he followed him a short distance, and observed him enter an apartment building located in the vicinity of 120 East Wilson Street, Madison, Wisconsin. Sampson stated he previously did not know that Volney Davis and Johnson were acquainted, but that after his conviction for the possession of stolen jewelry, which was the jewelry he purchased from Carl Johnson, he immediately surmised that this jewelry had actually been stolen by Carl Johnson, and that possibly Volney Davis assisted him in this robbery. He stated that he mentioned his supposition in this regard to his attorney, Mr. MacIntyre, and also furnished him with the address where he had observed Johnson enter, with the request that he, MacIntyre, call this information to the attention of the State's Attorney who prosecuted him in connection with the instant jewel robbery.

John Sampson furnished the following description of Carl Johnson, and it will be noted that it answered substantially to that of G. L. Jordan:

Name	Carl Johnson
Age	35
Height	5'9"
Weight	160 lbs.
Hair	dark
Eyes	blue or gray
Face	smooth shaven
Glasses	none
Speech	speaks with a Western accent

At this point Agent questioned John Sampson as to whether he did not in fact see Volney Davis entering the building at 185 East Wilson Street, instead of Carl Johnson, calling to his attention the information supplied by his attorney to the effect that Volney Davis was living at the Wilson Street address. Sampson stated that he did not definitely advise his attorney that Davis was living at the above address, but that he merely surmised this to be so, in view of his observation as stated above.

With further reference to Volney Davis, Sampson stated that this was the only time he had seen him since February 7th of this year, at which time he departed from Gleason's home; that he did not talk with him on this occasion, and he advised he has no definite information indicating that Davis was the actual thief in the case, but that same was merely a supposition on his part in view of the apparent connection between Davis and Carl Johnson.

Concerning Richard Graham, Sampson advised that he has known this individual since 1932 when Graham was operating a tavern on New York Street in Aurora, Illinois. He stated that Graham later entered into partnership with one Roy Terwilliger in the operation of the Ridgeway Gardens in Aurora. He stated that it is his belief that Richard Graham and Roy Terwilliger sold their interest in the Ridgeway gardens in May of this year, and that since that time Graham has not followed any gainful occupation. He stated that he (Sampson) visited Aurora shortly after he and his wife moved to Madison, Wisconsin and while in Aurora he visited Graham and invited him and his wife to their place in Madison; that Graham and his wife paid them a visit on July 4, 1935 staying for two or three days; that Graham and his wife again visited them approximately two weeks prior to their arrest on August 31, 1935, and that on the day of their arrest Graham accompanied him to Rockford, Illinois where he (Sampson) rented an apartment. He stated that the place at which he was living in Madison was rented under a lease and that the lease was to have expired on August 31, 1935.

Sampson denied any complicity in the jewel robbery for which he was convicted, and also denied any knowledge concerning the burglar tools and license plates which were found by the Madison Police Department in the garage in the rear of his home. When questioned as to how these tools happened to be in his garage Sampson stated that during the time he was living in Madison certain bootleggers, whose names he could

not recall from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, used his garage as a transfer point for liquor which they sold; that he received a small commission for the use of his garage in this manner, and it is his belief that the burglar tools mentioned above were probably left in his garage by these persons from Milwaukee. Sampson stated that he is positive that the tools in question were not placed in the garage by Richard Graham or Carl Johnson, advising concerning the latter that Johnson never visited him at his home in Madison.

When questioned as to how he earned money during the four or five months prior to his arrest he stated that in addition to receiving a nominal commission for permitting the use of his garage to transfer liquor, he also did some gambling in and around Madison in which he was very successful. However he refused to name the places in which he gambled. Sampson further stated that he at one time lived in Havana, Illinois and when asked concerning who he knows in that city Sampson stated that Gerald Brown who operates a tavern in Havana was a very good friend of his; that he also knows one Elmer Johnson and one George Crompton, both of whom are bootleggers running liquor out of Havana, Illinois. He stated that he likewise knows numerous persons in Peoria, Illinois but refused to name them.

Sampson advised that his attorney is at present preparing to submit his case to the Supreme Court at Madison, Wisconsin. He stated that his wife is now residing at 216 North 4th Street, Aurora, Illinois with friends.

With reference to the .351 caliber rifle which the Madison Police found in his apartment at the time of his arrest Sampson advised that he purchased this rifle for hunting purposes in Detroit, Michigan during 1929. With regard to the loaded pistol which was also found in his apartment Sampson explained that he possessed this pistol for many years and that he does not recall where he purchased same.

It might again be stated that the interview with Sampson in the penitentiary was entirely unsatisfactory, and it is possible that he will tell the truth in this matter after the outcome of the appeal to the Supreme Court for the instant jewelry holdup.

With reference to the Illinois license plates which were found in the garage of John Sampson by the Madison Police Department, it was ascertained that these plates were issued to the following individuals:

Illinois 195-269 - Richard Graham, 547 Hoyles Avenue, Aurora, Illinois for a Ford.

Illinois 695-339 - J. R. Grosslein, 616 E. Maywood Ave., Peoria, Ill. for a Dodge.

Illinois 610-665 - Mrs. Louis Bangert, 728 E. East St., Jacksonville, Ill. for a Ford.

Illinois 1-178, 692 - Gerald Brown, 115 N. Orange St., Havana, Illinois for a Ford.

Illinois 1-010-275 - Edward E. Maynard, 527 Palm Ave., Rockford, Illinois for a Chrysler.

It will be noted that one of the above license plates was issued to Gerald Brown at Havana, Illinois who it will be noted is a good friend of John Sampson.

With reference to Gerald Brown, attention is invited to the report of Special Agent K. E. McIntire, Chicago, Illinois, February 20, 1935, page 33, which reflects certain information obtained from Matt Gleason, who advised that Brown is very friendly with Corey Bales, a close associate of Volney Davis, and that it is possible in view of this association that Brown likewise is friendly with Davis and would not hesitate to harbor him.

In the report of Special Agent R. L. Shivers, St. Louis, Mo. February 23, 1935 which records the investigation conducted at Havana, Illinois relative to Gerald Brown, it will be noted that this individual is an expert professional gambler and that he is considered a contact man for wanted criminals; that he bears a very unsavory reputation in and around Havana and has frequently been the subject of investigations by the Police. There is also mentioned in this report the fact that Don Cook, an officer of the Canton, Illinois Police Department advised that on September 20, 1934, 1934 model V 8 two door automobile was wrecked near Canton, Illinois; that the two men who were reported to have been

in the car disappeared; that a check of the license number revealed that same was issued to Sam Johnson, Aurora, Illinois; that the Aurora Police Department at that time advised the Canton Police that they had a warrant for Sam Johnson for contributing to the delinquency of Evelyn Westphal also of Aurora, Illinois and desired his arrest; that on September 21, 1934 Gerald Brown called for the above mentioned automobile and exhibited to the Police some sort of a receipt, and upon refusing his reward for this automobile, Sam Johnson and Evelyn Westphal subsequently came for the automobile and were taken into custody. According to this report Sam Johnson subsequently admitted that Jack Summers of Cuba, Illinois was his companion on the night of the wreck.

The report further reflects that Harold Brown, an apparently reliable officer in Havana, Illinois advised that he was personally acquainted with Sam Johnson and Jack Summers and that both of these individuals occasionally visited in Havana and usually stayed at the Windsor Hotel, and that they were friends of Gerald Brown; that Harold Brown further advised that his understanding is that Sam Johnson was originally from Detroit, Michigan and that he uses that point as his headquarters. There is no question but that Sam Johnson is identical with John Sampson, the subject of this investigation.

It was further noted in the files of this office there is contained a memorandum relating to Gerald Brown, which is being incorporated in this report as it obviously contains valuable information with regard to this matter. The memorandum is dated June 17, 1935, and was submitted by the reporting Agent. It reads as follows:

"Special Agent D. S. Hostetter of the St. Louis Bureau office telephoned at 1.50 P.M. on June 12, 1935, and advised that Constable Brown of Havana, Illinois just phoned him and advised that a man named John Sampson had an automobile accident on June 11, 1935, at a point near Havana; that Sampson was accompanied by another man, identity unknown, and that Sampson at the time of the accident was driving a comparatively new Graham-Paige sedan, bearing Wisconsin license plates. Agent Hostetter advised that he was informed that the accident was the fault of Sampson, and that he wasted no time in settling for the damages which had occurred to the car with which he collided; that the Graham-Paige is now being repaired in a garage in Havana, Illinois, but the whereabouts of Sampson and his male companion are unknown.

Mr. Hostetter further advised that Constable Brown is making efforts to locate Sampson and his friend by checking all the hotels in Havana and vicinity, and if he should be successful in locating any of these two individuals he will immediately communicate with Agent Hostetter.

Agent Hostetter advised the reason he called the above matter to the attention of this office was that John Sampson is mentioned in the Brekid files as the husband of Elsie Westphal, who was residing in the home of Matt Gleason, Aurora, Illinois at the time this home was raided by Bureau Agents on February 7, 1935, in an effort to apprehend Volney Davis. Hostetter further advised that he has previously received information to the effect that Sampson was friendly with one George Johnson, a petty bootlegger and gambler in and around Havana; that in March of this year Johnson came to Havana, Illinois at which time he was accompanied by an unknown man whom Brown subsequently identified as William Weaver.

Agent Hostetter advised that he will be in Havana on the morning of June 15, 1935, and will confer with Constable Brown there, following this matter to a logical conclusion.

There does not appear any report from the St. Louis office in the files of the Chicago office, reflecting any further investigation relative to the above matter. Vigorous effort should be made to ascertain whether George Johnson mentioned in the above memorandum is identical with Gene L. Jordan alias Carl Johnson, whose apprehension the Bureau is seeking.

With reference to license plates 1-010-225 which were issued to Edward F. Maynard, 527 Palm Avenue, Rockford, Illinois, attention is invited to report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Chicago, Illinois dated June 10, 1935. It will be noted in this report that Volney Davis admittedly resided at the Palm Apartments located on Palm Street in

Rockford, Illinois during April of 1935; that during his residence in Rockford he came to Bensenville on one occasion and secured an automobile from Tony Moreno. Shortly thereafter he stole a set of Illinois license plates which were issued to E. F. Hayward, who likewise resided at the Palm Apartments in Rockford, Illinois, and placed these plates on the Ford automobile in question, and drove to Dalton, Georgia with Moreno, where he registered the car under the name of Gene L. Jordan, 28 King Street, Dalton, Georgia.

With further reference to this matter it will be noted in report of Special Agent A. E. Farland, Kansas City, Missouri dated October 23, 1935 which contains a verbal statement of Volney Davis relative to his activities subsequent to his escape from Bureau Agents at Yorkville, that the previous statement which he made to Special Agent Suran at Chicago concerning the theft of the above mentioned license plates was not correct. He now claims that these license plates were stolen by him and placed on the Ford car which he procured from Tony Moreno; that upon his return from the State of Georgia where he registered the car he discarded the Illinois tags en route, throwing them alongside of the road.

The above statement by Volney Davis is apparently incorrect as these license plates were among those found in the possession of John Sampson at the time of his arrest by the Madison Police.

It might be stated that Davis was frequently interviewed relative to his activities after his escape from Bureau Agents at Yorkville February 4, 1935, with particular reference to the automobile which was found in his possession at the time of his arrest at Chicago, Illinois on June 1, 1935. He stated that he obtained this car from Tony Moreno, whom he stated he met on North Avenue in Elmhurst, Illinois after calling Jim Farmer's Place in Bensenville; that he purchased this car from Moreno for \$125.00, and in the report of Agent Suran mentioned above he stated Moreno accompanied him to the State of Georgia where the car was registered in the name of Gene L. Jordan. He later retracted this statement, advising that Moreno did not accompany him to Georgia. With reference to Tony Moreno Davis stated that he observed that Moreno was a good friend of Elmer Farmer but does not recall ever having seen him prior to the time he procured the said automobile from him. He described Tony Moreno as Age 16 or 17 years; height 5 ft. 9 inches; weight 160 pounds; hair black eyes black, complexion dark; Italian.

In the first instance it was believed that Tony Moreno and Mike Moreno, a likely contact for the Barker-Karpis mob, were one and the same individual, in view of which Mike Moreno was brought to the Chicago Bureau office on August 14, 1935 where he was questioned relative to this matter. He was shown various photographs of the Barker-Karpis mob including that of Volney Davis, but denied knowing any of them with the exception of Elmer Farmer. He denied procuring any automobile for Davis at any time. During the course of the interview with Mike Moreno he mentioned the fact that on one occasion in 1930 his two cousins, Tony and Joe Moreno were arrested by the Sheriff's office of DuPage County, Illinois for hi-jacking; that they were later dismissed for lack of evidence. Tony Moreno, Mike advised, was employed with a private trucking company at 24th Avenue and 4th Street, Melrose Park, Illinois; that he is married and resides in Melrose Park, Illinois with his mother-in-law, the address not being known to him. He described Tony Moreno as follows:

Name:	Tony Moreno
Age:	35 years
Height:	5 ft. 9 inches.
Weight:	175 pounds
Hair:	Dark
Eyes:	Dark
Complexion:	Dark

At Wheaton, Illinois agent interviewed Arthur C. Bennetts, the Sheriff of DuPage County, who advised that he is well acquainted with Tony Moreno. He arrested him on a charge of conspiracy December 24, 1930 but the charge was later dismissed for lack of evidence. Sheriff Bennetts further advised that he recently was in Melrose Park, Illinois and while there noticed Tony Moreno driving a drayage truck for the firm of Pascal Larry, also of Melrose Park; that Pascal Larry is a brother-in-law of Mike Moreno. Sheriff Bennetts furnished the following description of Tony Moreno as taken from the fingerprint records of this individual:

Name:	Tony Moreno
Age:	35 years
Weight:	175 pounds
Height:	5 ft. 10 1/2 inches
Hair:	Dark brown
Complexion:	Dark
Nationality:	Italian
Build:	Stocky
fingerprint classification:	25 I M 15 12 I 0

It will be noted that this description does not correspond with the description of Tony Moreno furnished by Volney Davis.

At the time Davis was interviewed relative to this matter a photograph of Mike Moreno was shown to him, and he positively stated that this man was not the person from whom he purchased the automobile in question, and whom he knows as Tony Moreno. He stated, however, that he has frequently heard of Mike Moreno but to his knowledge has never seen him. As stated above it is not believed that Volney Davis related the truth in this matter, and it is doubtful whether Tony Moreno and Mike Moreno are involved in this case. However, photographs of Tony and Mike Moreno, the former being obtained from the Sheriff at Wheaton, Illinois, are forwarded with copies of this report to the St. Louis and Milwaukee Offices for use in their investigation.

The Bureau has indicated from time to time that vigorous investigation should be conducted to develop information as to possible harboring charges against the individuals who assisted Volney Davis subsequent to his escape at Yorkville, Illinois, on February 6, 1935, and it is therefore suggested that the offices who have received leads relative to this matter give same their immediate attention.

Two copies of the photographs of John Sampson, Richard Graham, and the most recent photograph of Volney Davis are also attached to copies of this report for the St. Louis and Milwaukee Bureau Offices.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE MILWAUKEE OFFICE.

At Madison, Wisconsin.

Will interview Leota Gardner, 1250 Spaight Street, who was employed as maid for the Sampsons in June, 1935, for any information which she might have relative to this case. It is suggested that photographs of Tony and Mike Moreno be exhibited to Miss Gardner in order to ascertain whether either of these individuals visited the Sampsons during her employment there.

Will interview the owner of the Yahara Tavern, located at Williamson and Thornton Streets, for corroboration of Sampson's statement,

in that Carl Johnson was a frequenter of this inn. Will likewise exhibit photographs of Tony and Mike Moreno for possible identification.

Will conduct investigation at the Chanticleer Inn, located on the outskirts of Madison, and ascertain whether the Carl Johnson described by Sampson is known there. According to Mr. Shantz, manager at 120 East Wilson Street, Madison, this inn is owned by Carl Johnson and another individual, whose name he does not know. It may be possible that the owner of this tavern is identical with the Carl Johnson mentioned by Sampson; and it is therefore requested that the interview in this regard be very discreet.

Will exhibit photographs of Tony and Mike Moreno to Mr. Shantz and Mr. Arthur A. Frantschi, manager and owner, respectively, of the apartment located at 120 East Wilson Street, in an effort to determine whether G. L. Jordan, who resided there from May 24 to June 8, 1935, is identical with either of these two individuals. The Milwaukee Office will bear in mind that the car which was taken from the possession of Volney Davis at the time of his arrest in Chicago, Illinois, on June 1, 1935, was registered in the name of G. L. Jordan, and that Davis subsequently advised that he obtained this car from Tony Moreno.

Will keep in touch with Captain Leo Kinney, of the Madison Police Department, for any information which might come to him relative to this matter.

Will interview neighbors and persons residing at 425 Clemons Street for any information concerning this case, and will also exhibit photographs of Volney Davis, Tony Moreno, and Mike Moreno to them in an effort to determine whether any of these individuals were seen in the association of John Sampson during the period of his stay there.

THE ST. LOUIS OFFICE.

At Peoria, Illinois.

Will ascertain the subscriber of Peoria telephone number 6915, which was called by Sampson from Madison on July 24, 1935, when he talked with a person named Johnson. It is possible that the Johnson mentioned above is identical with either Carl Johnson or G. L. Jordan, subjects of this investigation.

Will ascertain the character and reputation of "Red" Mellon, 210 Hamilton Street, who, it will be noted, is apparently a good friend

of Mr. and Mrs. John Sampson, in that Mrs. Sampson attempted to smuggle a letter to him during her incarceration in the County Jail at Madison, Wisconsin.

Will likewise ascertain the character of James Carrigan and his possible connection with Sampson. According to the Chief of Police at Peoria, he also resides at 210 Hamilton Street, Peoria. It is probable that this individual is identical with the person referred to as "Jim" in Evelyn Sampson's letter to "Red" Mollen, mentioned above.

Will conduct investigation at Pike Studio, 118 1/2 South Adams Street, for any information which they might have as to G. L. Jordan, who apparently had some photography work done by them.

Will likewise exhibit photographs of Tony and Mike Moreno with a view to determining whether Jordan is identical with either of these two individuals.

Will interview Dr. Walter F. Whipple, 119 South Adams Street, whose business card was found in the apartment vacated by the Jordans at Madison, Wisconsin, for any information which he might have concerning this individual. It is also suggested that photographs of Tony and Mike Moreno and Volney Davis be exhibited to Dr. Whipple for possible identification, it being recalled that Volney Davis was in need of medical treatment for gonorrhea, which he admitted he had to have at the time he was apprehended in Kansas City on February 5, 1935.

Will determine whether Illinois license plates #495-539, issued to J. R. Grosslein, 616 East Maywood Avenue, Peoria, were stolen. If it develops that these plates were not stolen, it is suggested that discreet inquiries be made concerning this individual, as it is possible that he may have some connection with this matter.

Will interview the Chief of Police of the Peoria Police Department, who apparently is familiar with some of the facts in this matter, for any additional information which might be of value in this investigation.

At Jacksonville, Illinois.

Will conduct an inquiry similar to that above outlined, concerning the owner of Illinois license #810-665, issued to Mrs. Louis Bangert, 729 North East Street, Jacksonville, Illinois.

At Havana, Illinois.

Will conduct a vigorous and extensive investigation in Havana with a view to ascertaining whether any of John Sampson's known associates and contacts are identical with either G. L. Jordan or Carl Johnson, as it is believed that these two individuals are originally from this territory. In this connection, it is suggested that a close contact be made with Harold Brown, an apparently reliable officer in Havana, for assistance in this matter. It will be noted that John Sampson admitted that he knew several persons in Havana, Illinois, namely, a Gerald Brown, a gambler, George Johnson, a bootlegger, and George Crompton, also a bootlegger; and it is possible that any of these individuals is identical with either Jordan or Carl Johnson. Your attention is directed to the fact that license plates issued to Gerald Brown were found in the garage of Sampson's residence in Madison, Wisconsin, which license plates Sampson denied ownership of. Photographs of Tony and Mike Moreno should be exhibited to persons contacted in this investigation for possible identification.

At Cuba, Illinois.

Will ascertain the identity of Jack Summers, who was with John Sampson, alias Sam Johnson, when he wrecked his car on the night of September 21, 1934, and which Gerald Brown subsequently endeavored to obtain for Sampson. It might also be stated that Jack Summers is apparently known to Harold Brown, Havana, Illinois, and he should be interviewed concerning this individual. The St. Louis Office should bear in mind that it is very possible that Jack Summers is identical with either Carl Johnson or G. L. Jordan, and it is suggested that the investigation concerning this matter should be undertaken with this in view.

THE CHICAGO OFFICE.

At Aurora, Illinois.

Will interview Mrs. John (Evelyn) Sampson, at 216 North Fourth Street, Aurora, relative to this case.

Will also interview Sylvia Graham, the wife of Richard Graham, 549 Hoyles Avenue, Aurora, for any information which she might have which might be of assistance in this investigation.

Will contact Chief of Police Reilani, Aurora, Illinois, relative to the Sampsons' associates and activities in Aurora, it being noted that the Aurora Police have previously had some experience with John Sampson.

Will endeavor to locate and interview Herman Edelman, Aurora, Illinois, who formerly resided in the home of Matt Gleason during the time the Sampsons lived there and at the time that Volney Davis was harbored by Gleason immediately after his escape from Yorkville on February 6, 1935. It is possible that Edelman has information which might lead to the identification and location of G. L. Jordan or Carl Johnson.

Will again contact Informant Pete DeKing, of Aurora, Illinois, in an effort to determine whether he had received any further information to the effect that Volney Davis contacted Richard Graham and Roy Tarwilliger, then owners of the Ridgeway Gardens, immediately after his escape at Yorkville, and arranged with them to abandon the car which he stole in making his getaway. Will also question Pete DeKing concerning the activities and associations of John Sampson in and around Aurora, Illinois.

It is suggested that the photograph of Volney Davis be exhibited to persons in each of the investigations outlined above with a view to developing possible harboring charges against any individual who appears to have assisted Volney Davis subsequent to his escape on February 6, 1935. Efforts should also be made during these investigations to obtain any evidence which will strengthen the Bureau's case against Matt Gleason for the harboring of Volney Davis, which is set for trial in the near future.

PENDING.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **7-1-330**

REPORT MADE AT CLEVELAND, OHIO	DATE WHEN MADE 11/27/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11/11, 26/35	REPORT MADE BY C. E. SMITH
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218 ET AL EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING - HARBORING OF FUGITIVES - OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>Mario Ridiker, Brunswick, Ohio, Post Office clerk, tentatively identifies Campbell as the individual who registered letter there using the name of Mary Forth. [redacted] advised that "Peaches" name is Butler and she is presently residing in Milwaukee, Wis.; Lillian "Lu" Poole served sentence at Fort Wayne, Indiana under that name. Detective Owen Green advised Russell Simpson supposed to have photograph of Karpis, Barker and others standing by Ted Angus' boat. Simpson supposed to have repaired motor boat for gang. Detective Manson advised that he had been informed that Henry Bender was possibly smuggling aliens, narcotics and wanted criminals. Vern Boyer advised that he intended to contact Russell Simpson and attempt to obtain photograph of gang in his possession. [redacted] advises Casino Club closed for 20 days for violation of the liquor law. [redacted] advises Marie Borley is friendly towards the Angus' and hates Tom Cartwright. Marie Borley resides at 3918 Detroit Street. Helen Ferguson advises Jack Pfeiffer warned Earl Christman and herself that the St. Paul Police were going to raid them and Harry Sawyer warned the Barkers that they were to be raided. No information obtainable at this time as to Sawyer's St. Paul Police contact. Helen Ferguson states she called Gladys Sawyer at St. Paul from Chicago</p>			
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and requested Kate Barker's and her trunks be forwarded to her. Cleveland Police records reveal Paul Hackett arrested and later released for investigation in murder case. Records of Registry Unit, Cleveland Post Office checked and information relative to registers apparently obtained by Campbell using aliases G. R. Benton, George Benton and Mary Forth, set forth. No record of Benton or Forth at General Delivery window. No record of any money orders issued to Benton or Forth. Automobile registrations of all persons bearing name of Benton obtained and leads set forth. No automobile registrations under name of Mary Forth. Records of gas company and light company not maintained alphabetically.

[REDACTED] found for Benton or Forth. b7d

List of victims and witnesses of Garrettsville, Ohio, mail robbery set forth. All postmen and box clerks in greater Cleveland being circularized for information relative to Benton and Forth. Mr. and Mrs. Morse have no information of value to this case.

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REFERENCE: Letter of E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Illinois, dated 11/19/35.
 Letter of Oklahoma City Office, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 11/18/35.
 Report of Special Agent J. L. Madala, Chicago, Illinois, dated 11/14/35.
 Bureau letter dated 11/18/35.
 Report of Special Agent C. E. Smith, Cleveland, Ohio, dated 11/16/35.
 Report of Special Agent J. L. Madala, Chicago, Illinois, dated 10/16/35.
 Report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, Chicago, Illinois, dated 11/7/35.

DETAILS: AT BRUNSWICK, OHIO

Mrs. Marie Ridiker, Clerk in the Brunswick Post Office, was interviewed and advised, after a check of her records that a registered letter bearing number 1070 had been mailed on October 7, 1935, by one Mary Forth, address General Delivery, Cleveland, to Maggie Lett, Route #2, Wann, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Ridiker stated that a man had applied for the register and in answer to the regular questions had given the name and address of Mary Forth, General Delivery, Cleveland, Ohio, value of contents \$20.00. According to Mrs. Ridiker, the man had purchased a stamped envelope from her and then wrote the name and address of the recipient on it.

Continuing, Clerk Ridiker advised that she had never seen the man before or since and was sure he was a stranger in the vicinity.

Agent exhibited several photographs of various subjects of this case to Mrs. Ridiker and she picked Harry Campbell's photograph out and stated that the front view bore a striking resemblance to the man who applied for the registered letter. Mrs. Ridiker stated that no one came into the post office with him nor did she see an automobile, stating that numerous tourists stop in and she paid no particular attention to them, and the office was so located she could not see out of the window.

The following description of the individual was obtained from Mrs. Ridiker:

Name	-	Mary Forth
Age	-	25 years
Height	-	5' 5" to 6"
Weight	-	150 lbs.
Color of hair	-	appeared rather dark
Race	-	white
Sex	-	male
Nativity	-	appeared American
Peculiarities	-	spoke good English, quiet acting.
Dress	-	dark overcoat, dark slouch hat
Residence	-	General Delivery, Cleveland, Ohio.

Although Mrs. Ridiker was fairly positive in her identification of the full face photograph of Harry Campbell as the man who secured the register using the name Mary Forth, no change is being made in the title of this case to add the alias Mary Forth to those Campbell has been known to have used until further investigation has been made and a more positive identification secured.

DETAILS AT TOLEDO, OHIO

[REDACTED] was interviewed and advised that he had ascertained from Clara Miller that "Peaches", a former inmate of Edith Barry's house was presently in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and was using the name of "Peaches" Butler and was the paramour of a rich Jewish man in that town. [REDACTED] Peaches had recently written Edith Barry and told her that she was through working for other people as she now had a "heavy sugar papa" to keep her. b7c b7d

The following description of Peaches was secured [REDACTED]

Name	Peaches Butler
Age	40 to 42 years
Height	5' 5" to 6"
Weight	128 to 130 lbs
Color of hair	blond, bobbed.
Complexion	light
Peculiarities	good looking, peaked nose, very heavy drinker.
Race	White
Nativity	Supposed to have been born in St. Louis, Missouri.
Residence	Milwaukee, Wisconsin

It will be noted here that Butler is Peaches' true name. [redacted] was unable to obtain the name of the man who is keeping her nor his address. b7c b7d

[redacted]

[redacted] that Lu had done time under the name of Lillian Poole in Fort Wayne, Indiana, for a larceny of some sort.

Detective Owen Green, Toledo Police Department, was interviewed at his home, 818 Lincoln Avenue, by Agent in company with Special Agent B. M. Hirsh, relative to information he had about someone having a photograph of Karpis and Campbell and some of the rest of the mob standing by Ted Angus' boat.

Detective Green stated that during the summer of 1934 he had heard a rumor about the mob hanging out around the Bay View Yacht Club and he and his partner Detective Ray Sheets had started to look around and had engaged Vern Royer and some of his men who are employed at the Municipal Golf Course adjacent to the Yacht Club, in conversation and one of them, Russell Simpson, stated that he had secured the photograph.

Green stated that as near as he could recall, Simpson had either repaired Angus' boat so the mob could use it or had reconstructed another one for them. Green said that he requested the photo and told Simpson that there was "heavy money" out for the men and if Simpson would help him he could get a cut of it. When he later returned Simpson alibied his way out of the deal and it was Green's impression that someone had reached Simpson.

Agent questioned Green relative to who might have reached Simpson and he stated he did not know and he had not continued his investigation any further, stating that no one had ever called him off, but leaving the impression with Agents that his activities had been interfered with by some police official. Green was very out spoken with Agents,

stating that the Angus brothers no doubt were hiding the boys out and their contact in the police department was Captain Timiney.

Continuing, Green stated that he knew one of the bartenders at the New Casino who drank considerable and was rather boastful when in his cups and he would attempt to draw him out about various activities around the Casino Club in the hopes he would make a statement of some sort about the mob.

Both Detective Manson and Special Agent Hirsh, who have had considerable contact with Green, stated that in their opinion Green is reliable and can be trusted. Detective Harry Manson was interviewed and stated that he had been hunting with the secretary to one of the editors of one of the Toledo newspapers and the secretary stated that a police officer had told him that Hien Bender could be "grabbed" by the "Feds" in three ways and intimated that Bender was transporting narcotics, smuggling aliens and transporting "hot" criminals. Manson was unable to secure the name of the police officer who gave the information, and when questioned by Agent as to the identity of the secretary he stated he could not reveal his name. It will be noted here that Henry Bender owns and operates two planes from the Stickney Avenue Airport and was previously mentioned in the files of this case. (See report of Special Agent C. E. Smith, Cleveland, Ohio, dated 9/5/35).

Vern Royer, 3312 Manhattan Boulevard, golf professional at the Municipal Golf Course was interviewed and stated that he was going over to Russell Simpson's house early next week and would engage him in conversation about the photograph as he had conversed with him on several occasions about the mob and felt that if Simpson had the photograph he would eventually be able to secure it.

Mr. Royer further stated that while Simpson was straight he probably would not talk with Agent about the mob as he was very hesitant about discussing it with anyone.

Continuing, Royer stated that about one month ago he had been talking with Capt. Redman of the Toledo Police Department, and the Captain stated that there was no doubt in his mind that the "bunch" who had hung out around the Casino Club had tied a weight to someone's neck and dropped him overboard in the bay off Point Place.

Agent questioned Royer as to any names Captain Redman may have mentioned and during what period the unknown individual had been dropped overboard. Royer stated that the captain did not mention any names nor time but he gathered that it was one of the mob and the drowning had occurred when they had been at the club during the summer of 1934.

[redacted] was interviewed and stated that everything was quiet and he had not heard anything, however, he stated that the Angus brothers had their club license taken away for twenty days and ordered to close up for that period. The restriction being placed for their alleged connection with the Lonnio Licaulli mob. [redacted] that the aforementioned reason was only a subterfuge of the State Liquor Board as neither of the Angus' had ever been friendly with the Licaulli mob, on the contrary they were bitter enemies. Agent questioned [redacted] to the whereabouts of Marie Borley, wife of Tom Cartwright, and he advised that she was cooking for Ted Angus at the Casino Club and was rather friendly toward him, in view of the fact that Ted was paying her for the full twenty days he was to be closed.

[redacted] stated that Marie Borley resided somewhere in the vicinity of Sylvania and Detroit Street and was very bitter toward her husband Tom Cartwright.

In view of the above information, Agent did not deem it advisable to contact Mary Borley, only ascertaining her address after a neighborhood investigation. Her address is 3918 Detroit Street, which is a rooming house.

Helen Ferguson, Room 200, Melrose Hotel, was interviewed by Agent relative to the lead set forth in Special Agent J. L. Madala's report dated at Chicago, Illinois, November 14, 1935, and she advised that Earl Christman and herself had resided on Grand Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, around February and March 1933, and Freddie and Doc Barker also maintained an apartment on the same street in company with Kate "Ma" Barker. According to Helen, the day prior to the raid by the St. Paul police on the apartments, Jack Pfeiffer of the Hollyhocks Inn called at her apartment and advised Earl and herself that they had better get out of town which they did, and later met two other cars on the road outside of St. Paul in which were the Barkers.

According to Helen Ferguson, the meet was pre-arranged and she was advised at that time by someone of the crowd that Harry Sawyer had warned the boys of the impending raid.

Continuing, Miss Ferguson stated that they all proceeded to Chicago, Illinois, where they stayed for a short while at Louie Cernocky's on Fox River Grove and then all of them secured apartments at 110 Homer Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. After a period of a few weeks from the time they had left St. Paul, Miss Ferguson made a long distant telephone call from a cigar store on Washington Street, about two blocks from the LaSalle Garage, the phone being a wall phone and not in a booth, to Gladys Sawyer at her home in St. Paul, requesting her or Harry to pack the belongings she had left behind in her trunk and forward them to her, and also pack some silverware and linens belonging to Kate Barker and forward them also. According to Miss Ferguson, they were shipped by American Express. However, she could furnish no specific date regarding the shipment. Miss Ferguson also stated that Harry Sawyer had purchased

the linens and silverware for the Barkers as well as having visited at the cottage located at Great Bear Lake.

In view of the fact that Miss Ferguson appeared rather put out about the way she said the Government had treated her, Agent deemed it advisable not to question her too closely at this time and arranged for another interview which will be had in the near future.

DETAILS AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

The writer interviewed Inspector Joseph Sweeney of the Cleveland Police Department relative to Paul Hackett of the Boulevard Cafe, 1328 W. 118th Street and was advised by him that Hackett had been recently engaged in passing checks and was considered "strictly racket" and would try anything that meant money in his pocket.

Superintendent George Koestle of the Identification Unit, Cleveland Police Department, advised Agent that Hackett was primarily in the bootleg game and it was his recollection that Hackett's home had been bombed about three years ago by some unknown persons.

The following description of Hackett was obtained from Supt. Koestle:

Name	PAUL E. HACKETT
Age	32 years (12/25/29)
Height	5' 9-3/4"
Weight	148 lbs.
Color of hair	light chestnut
Complexion	florid
Teeth	good
Race	white
Nativity	Irish-American
Occupation	bootlegger
Residence	19385 Beechcliffe Blvd.
Criminal Record	Obtained from Cleveland Police Dept., C.P.D. #35244 - arrested 12/25/29 for investigation in connection with murder of Charles O'Neil; released 1/25/30.
F.P.C.	17 1 0 23 1 17

Agent interviewed Mr. Jack Hanley, Superintendent of the Registry Division of the Cleveland Post Office and was advised by him that the following registered letters were mailed on the dates indicated below:

REGISTER #	DATE	SENDER	RECEIVER	VALUE	FEE	CLERK'S NAME
731416	5/6/35	G.R. Benton Gen. Del. Cleveland, O.	Maggie Lett R. #1, Wann, Oklahoma	\$15.	18¢	W.F. McNamara
701194	6/3/35	George Benton Gen. Del. Cleveland, O.	" " " "	\$20.	18¢	John Kozak
706172	7/29/35	Mary Forth Gen. Del. Cleveland, O.	" " " "	\$30.	20¢	John Kozak
706811	8/5/35	Mary Forth Gen. Del. Cleveland, O.	" " " "	\$25.	18¢	John Kozak

Agent exhibited photographs of all the members of the Karpis-Barker gang to all of the window clerks of the registry division, however, they were unable to identify any of them with the exception of Clerk E. L. Maurer who thought that Bolton, Wilson and Campbell seemed familiar to him but could not place them. It was noted on the registry record that all of the aforementioned letters were mailed between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. The above information was telephonically communicated by Agent to Special Agent R. D. Brown at Chicago, Illinois, and on November 23, 1935, a plant was placed at the registry window which is presently being maintained by Agents E. J. Wynn, E. K. McKee, D. P. Sullivan and W. B. O'Mahoney.

Inquiry was made at the General Delivery window and W. H. Sluka, Clerk in Charge, stated that his records did not reflect the names of G. R. Benton, George Benton or Mary Forth.

Special Agent S. K. McKee, on November 26, 1935, checked all money orders received in the Cleveland Post Office district, 18 carrier stations, for the period covering the various dates on which registered letters were sent presumably by Campbell using the aforementioned aliases of Benton and Forth. However, no applications were found bearing the above names.

It should be stated that advice from the Registry Division indicates that all of the registered letters mailed at the Main Post Office contained either cash or an endorsed check, inasmuch as the fees paid were for such types of registries. If the letters had contained postal money orders the fee in each instance would have been the minimum fee of fifteen cents. For this reason no search was made of the applications for money orders received on the dates in question from the one hundred sixty branches in the Cleveland unit.

Special Agent R. D. Brown telephonically communicated with Special Agent J. S. Johnson at Cincinnati, Ohio, and requested a check be made at the Motor Vehicle Bureau at Columbus, Ohio, to ascertain if any one by the name of G. R. Benton was the registrant of a motor vehicle in the State of Ohio, and was advised that a George R. Benton, Jr., 11311 Shaker Boulevard, Shaker Heights, Cleveland, Ohio, has registered a 1934 Chevrolet Coupe, motor #4,532,282, Ohio license EB-336; George Benton, Route 4, Quaker City, Ohio, has registered a 1928 Ford Coach, motor #A-434,377, Ohio license T-768-R; George Benton, East Palestine, Ohio, has registered a 1926 Overland Coupe, motor #68744, Ohio license #G-411-N; and George Benton, Route #1, Galena, Ohio, has registered a 1928 Essex Sedan, motor #879,345, Ohio license #F-9518. Mary Forth does not appear as a registrant of a motor vehicle.

Special Agent R. D. Brown and the writer checked the address at 11311 Shaker Boulevard and found it to be the address of the St. Lukes Hospital and inquiry at the hospital office disclosed that George R. Benton, Jr. was formerly a physician there and had left for Fremont, South Carolina. No lead will be set forth to conduct further investigation in reference to the above-named George R. Benton, Jr. inasmuch as bill of sale #2063517, filed in the Clerk of Courts' Office at Cleveland, reflects the above described automobile was purchased on August 3, 1934 from the Downtown Chevrolet Motors, Incorporated and the records of the hospital clearly show that George R. Benton, Jr. is not a subject of this case.

Mr. E. G. Baker of the East Ohio Gas Company was contacted by Special Agent R. D. Brown and the writer and he advised that their records were filed by street and house number and not alphabetically, and he therefore would not be able to state whether any persons by the name of G. R. Benton, George Benton or Mary Forth had applied for gas service.

Mr. George Conley, Chief of Police of the Electric Illuminating Company was interviewed by the writer and Special Agent R. D. Brown and he advised that their records were filed by street and house number and not alphabetically. However he caused a check of what service applications they did have, but was unsuccessful.

[REDACTED] was contacted by this Agent and he advised that [REDACTED] did not disclose the name of Mary Forth, and the only George or G. R. Benton on file was an individual named George Benton, Manager of the Alcazar Hotel in 1924. b7c b7d

Mr. S. J. Hettrick, Post Office Inspector at Cleveland, Ohio, was interviewed in order to secure the names and addresses of the victims and witnesses of the Garrettsville, Ohio, mail train robbery on November 7, 1935, and the following is set forth:

Mrs. M. I. Scott		Garrettsville, Ohio
Fred R. Ball		" " "
Earl N. Davis		" " "
Robert Brockert		" " "
Frances Brockert		" " "
W. B. Moses (Station Agent)		" " "
Paul E. Christy	RMS Clerk	2201 Wascana Ave., Lakewood, Ohio
Steven Warren	" " "	212 Devilliers, Pittsburgh, Penna.
Orlin Workman	" " "	331 Bailey Ave., Pittsburgh, Penna.
H. E. Miller	Conductor	610 Mistletoe Ave., Youngstown, Ohio
J. W. Waddington	Brakeman	105 West Dewey, Youngstown, Ohio
Chas. Shull	Engineer	468 Lora Ave., Youngstown, Ohio
C. W. Marshall	Baggageman	RR #2, Poland, Ohio
P. O. Leuschner	Fireman	260 Scott Street, Youngstown, Ohio
Carl Clutter		950 Front Street, Warren, Ohio
J. D. Wolf		668 Ohio Avenue, Warren, Ohio
T. J. Chuck		414 Penn Avenue, Warren, Ohio
John F. Williams		Warren, Ohio
Mrs. E. A. Meadows		Garrettsville, Ohio
Mrs. Thomas (doctor's wife)		" " "

The writer and Special Agent Dowd interviewed Post Office Inspector in Charge S. E. Siegfried at Cleveland, Ohio, and requested that he cause a notice to be forwarded to each carrier station and box station, requesting each carrier and clerk in charge of station boxes to advise his office if they had any individuals on their routes or renting boxes in their stations by the name of G. R. Benton, George Benton or Mary Forth. Mr. Siegfried signified his willingness to cooperate and advised agents that he would probably have the desired information within a few days.

Agent contacted Mrs. M. E. Morse, 3445 W. 99th Street, who advised the Bureau by letter that a party by the name of Hapeman residing at 3443 W. 99th Street was a contact of Karpis and Campbell, and she advised that during the early part of November Harry Hapeman, a brother of Ernest Hapeman, had recently visited the Hapemans and while there several suspicious individuals visited him. Mrs. Morse further stated that immediately after the raid made on the Karpis-Barker apartment in 1934, she had observed Barker driving past her house in shirt sleeves and shortly after Karpis drove up to the Hapeman house and was then driven away in the Hapeman car by Ernest Hapeman. Mrs. Morse then advised that Harry Hapeman, who was supposed to have worked on the Lindberg home

at Hopewell, had the Lindberg baby at the house and the Hauptmann's also visited there. Mrs. Morse was so nervous and excitable during the interview that agent in company with Special Agent E. J. Dowd interviewed Mr. Morse at his place of business, the Brown Graves Lumber Company, 17600 Miles Avenue.

Mr. Morse told agents substantially the same story and also stated that he had on one occasion started to pull the Lindberg baby out of one of the windows of the Hapeman home with a wire but became frightened and stopped. Mr. Morse advanced no reason to agents for his failure to advise the police or the Bureau of the above information relative to the Lindberg baby.

Mrs. Morse furnished agent with the following license numbers that were observed around the Hapeman house: 1935 Ohio C-697-K; 1935 Illinois 353-687; 1935 Wisconsin 167-636 and 1935 New York 2D 83-97.

It will be noted here that the New York license appeared on a green coupe operated by Harry Hapeman and according to Mrs. Morse, Harry Hapeman left on the morning of November 26, 1935, and shortly after he left, an express agency called for two trunks.

Both Agent Dowd and the writer were of the opinion that the Morses have a detective complex. However, continued contact will be had with them in view of the fact that they appear to have some knowledge of everybody's business in their neighborhood and they may secure information that would be pertinent to this case.

The following information relative to Ted Angus which was secured by Special Agent E. M. Hirsch is set forth for future reference. Ted Angus presently operates a Chrysler coach, black color, Ohio license 4876-H.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE CLEVELAND OFFICE at TOLEDO, OHIO, will maintain contacts with its informants at Toledo and Cleveland.

CLEVELAND OFFICE will check the records at the U. S. District Court Clerk's Office and obtain all information relative to passports secured by William Fergus, William Mitchell and Clarence Heberbrand.

THE ST. PAUL OFFICE at ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, will search the records of the various express offices and ascertain who signed the waybill which was executed at the time Helen Ferguson requested Gladys Sawyer to forward Kate Barker's and her trunks. For the information of

the St. Paul Office, the shipment was made about April 1933 and was sent to 110 Homer Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. The Cleveland file does not reflect the aliases used by the above-named persons at that time.

THE PITTSBURGH OFFICE at PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA, will, at 212 Devilliers Avenue, exhibit to Steven Warren numerous photographs including Karpis, Campbell, LaSalle, Mirabella and Syracuse for the purpose of ascertaining if any of the above named individuals were connected with the Garrettsville mail robbery. The names of the individuals set forth as above should not be disclosed to Mr. Stevens nor the reason for the interview.

THE PITTSBURGH OFFICE will conduct the same investigation with Orlin Workman, 331 Bailey Avenue, Pittsburgh. For the assistance of the Pittsburgh Office there are being forwarded photographs of LaSalle, Syracuse and Mirabella which should be returned to the Cleveland Office when they have served their purpose.

THE MILWAUKEE OFFICE at MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, will endeavor to locate the present whereabouts of "Peaches" Butler, however, no interview should be had with her at this time.

THE MILWAUKEE OFFICE is requested to ascertain the listing of automobile license number 167-636 and discreetly ascertain owner's connections and identity.

THE BUFFALO OFFICE will ascertain the listing of automobile license number 2D-83-97 and discreetly ascertain owner's connections and identity.

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Laboratory Report

Case: O November 30, 1935. Number: 7-576-2144
Alvin Karpis, with aliases, Fugitive,
I. O. #1218, et al.; Edward George Bremer -
Victim; Kidnaping.

Specimens: A. One page of letter beginning "Dear Mrs. Karpis, I am a". B. One
page of letter beginning "I would like to hear from you". C. One envelope
addressed to Mrs. Dorothy Karpis, Tulsa, Oklahoma, postmarked "Los Angeles,
California 15, October 8, 1935, 4 P. M.". D. One plain white envelope addressed
to Mrs. Dorothy Karpis, Tulsa, Oklahoma, containing no return address.

Examination requested by:

Date received:

Examination requested:

Result of examination:

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Oklahoma City Office

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Document - Fingerprint.

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Examination by: KOHN

The original letter beginning "Dear Mrs. Karpis, I am a" is typewritten on plain white rough finish paper which has been cut from a larger piece. In the upper right-hand corner of the first page there appears a portion of a portrait picture which is printed in blue ink and appears to be a part of a letterhead. The second page of the letter has a portion of a similar picture in the upper right-hand corner and to the left of this picture the following street address and perhaps telephone number "Headquarters: 4301 South Broadway, Century 21279" are printed in blue ink. The paper bears the watermark "Manuscript Bond & Butler Paper" which indicates that the paper was manufactured by the J. C. Butler Paper Company, 218 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois. The envelopes measuring approximately 4 1/2 x 6 1/2 are made of plain white paper which bears no watermark. In the upper left-hand corner appears the following return address "Howard E. Davis Company, Realtors and just beneath this "4301 South Broadway, Los Angeles, California". Another typewritten return address appears just below the first return address and is "208 E. 43 St. Apt. 4 Los Angeles, Calif.". The envelope, specimen "C", is addressed to Mrs. Dorothy Karpis in typewriting while the envelope, specimen "D", is addressed in handwriting with blue ink to Mrs. Karpis and on the flap the handwritten return address "Anna Bane, Los Angeles Apt. 4 208 E. 43 St.". The street address appearing at the top of the second page of the letter which is similar to the street address and return address on the envelope indicates that the paper used for the letter was probably torn from letterheads of the Howard E. Davis Company, Realtors.

The letter appears to have been typed on a Remington Standard Correspondence typewriter, equipped with #40 Bulletin B. B. type, spaced 5 letters to the inch.

The letter may have been written without any motive during the idle moments of some innocent person but it could have been written by Karpis or

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members of his gang. Karpis may have written this letter in an endeavor to contact Mrs. Karpis or it may have been written by members of the gang endeavoring to locate Karpis. Underworld contacts are often made by letters similar to the one addressed to Mrs. Karpis. Attention is called to the fact that the spacing between words in this letter is not constant and disconnected phrases are frequent. The letter has no punctuation. The street address "Headquarters: 4301 Smith Broadway, Century 21st" was no doubt purposely left at the top of the second page of the letter in order to convey some meaning to Mrs. Karpis. There may also be some significance to the typewritten address appearing on the one envelope and also at the end of the letter "Anna Dams, Los Angeles Apt. 4, 308 E. 45 St."

Photographic copies of the evidence submitted will be forwarded to your office within the next several days.

A report on the fingerprint examination will be submitted separately.

THE ORIGINAL EVIDENCE IS BEING RETAINED IN THE LABORATORY FOR USE IN ANY FURTHER INVESTIGATIONS WHICH MAY BE DESIRED. SHOULD YOUR OFFICE DESIRE THIS ORIGINAL EVIDENCE FOR USE IN ANY FURTHER INVESTIGATIONS WHICH MAY DEVELOP THE BUREAU SHOULD BE NOTIFIED IN ORDER TO PREVENT TRANSMITTAL.

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- 1 - Mr. E. J. Connelley
- 1 - Cincinnati
- 1 - St. Paul
- 1 - Los Angeles
- 1 - Laboratory

GWD:EG

December 2, 1935.

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F-578 - 8217

Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases,
Fugitive, I. O. #1218, et al.;
Edward George Bremer - Victim;
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report
covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office
in connection with the above entitled matter and received in
the Bureau November 26, 1935.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure: 2074757.

cc - Chicago
Mr. E. J. Connelley - Chicago
Cincinnati
St. Paul

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Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO.

K.C. FILE NO. 7637

REPORT MADE AT Kansas City	DATE WHEN MADE 11-30-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11-21/27-35	REPORT MADE BY V. I. PARRY
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. #1218. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.		CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIRE-ARMS ACT.	
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Informant furnished information as to probable bank robbery at Clinton, Missouri, by Langdon, Sparger, Karpis and Campbell; plan supposed to include Lloyd Doyle. E. L. Pendleton known contact of Doyle and Bremer Subjects located in Kansas City, Missouri. Three-day surveillance of bank and Pendleton's apartment unproductive.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent M. C. Spear, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, 11-16-35.</p> <p>DETAILS: On 11-21-35 [redacted] was contacted at the Aladdin Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri, by Special Agents G. L. Franklin and the writer for the purpose of endeavoring to locate the apartment where Blackie Doyle is supposed to be living and where Langdon, Sparger and possibly Karpis and Campbell have been meeting; and also to secure more information concerning the bank which is supposed to be robbed by these men.</p> <p>Following the directions given [redacted] Agents and the informant proceeded about the vicinity of 35th and Woodland Streets, Kansas City, Missouri, until the informant finally stated that she believed the location [redacted]</p> <p>[redacted] It was ascertained that there are two three-story apartment buildings on the west side of Woodland between 33rd and 34th Streets, and [redacted] believed that it must be one of those apartments, the name of which was found to be the Beebe Apartments. At this time, [redacted]</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>W. A. Smith</i>		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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Informant further stated that the bank this gang was casing was the Clinton, Missouri, bank, Clinton being located about twenty-seven miles south of Warrensburg, Missouri; that this bank was the only bank in town, being located on a corner and having a large chime clock on the front of it.

[REDACTED] at which time the gang intended to rob the bank, and that these corn and hog checks were supposed to arrive in about two weeks from the time of this gang's visit to Clinton. They further discussed the fact that they hadn't better tell Karpis and Campbell about the bank having \$20,000. in it now, as these two would probably want to rob it immediately.

[REDACTED] were in an old Ford driven by a man about fifty years old, [REDACTED] said was fairly stout and about five feet, eight inches in height. She had been told that this man was from Topeka, Kansas. [REDACTED] the old man had been given final instructions as to how to get back to Topeka.

they arrived about six o'clock [REDACTED] Sparger and Langdon had gone about a block down the street where they had stolen a 1935 green Ford, which she believed to be a tudor with about five thousand miles on the speedometer. She believed that this car bore Nebraska County 19 licenses on it at that time.

* The informant also stated at this time that the gang had a hideout at Picher, Oklahoma, to which place they were going immediately after the bank was robbed.

Immediately upon returning to the Kansas City office after this meeting with [REDACTED] a telegram was sent to the Omaha office requesting them to check whether or not such a car had been stolen at Falls City, Nebraska, at the time mentioned. A telegram was received in reply the same afternoon, stating that a 1935 Model, four-door, green, sedan, motor number 2128218, owned by L. S. Hinton, Richardson County Motor Company, Falls City, Nebraska, had been stolen from a parking lot next to that motor company sometime after five

o'clock in the afternoon on Saturday, November 16, 1935, and that Dealer's plates 19-D 4 were believed to have been on the car when stolen.

On the day after the meeting with this informant, September 22, 1935, Special Agents D. M. Brightman and the writer proceeded to Clinton, Missouri, for the purpose of checking on the bank supposed to be used by this gang.

Clinton is a town of about 6000 population about eighty miles southeast of Kansas City and was found to have six or eight good highways either paved or gravel leading away from it, about four of which could easily be used to reach Picher, Oklahoma, where the gang is supposed to hide after the robbery.

It was noticed at Clinton that there were three bank buildings there, but two of the banks were closed, and the third, the Union State Bank, having a chimes clock and being located on one corner of the City Square.

Emory Hurt, President of the Union State Bank, Clinton, Missouri, was interviewed privately and given a brief outline of what the Agents knew concerning the supposed plan to rob the bank. He was asked if the bank carried as much as \$20,000. in it at all times and was surprised at the accuracy of the Agents' figure, inasmuch as he said he carried from \$20,000. to \$32,000. in cash at all times; that he knew this was too much money, but being the only bank of any size in the county, it was necessary to carry this much for his usual run of business. He also stated that at one time in the last week, he had \$37,000. extra in cash due to the merchants turning in their deposits in a group. This information checked with the amount of cash [redacted] had stated was in the bank. However, he said that when the corn and hog checks would be received, he did not intend to carry any additional cash, and that he believed the checks would not be received until January. He was requested to check the time of receipt of these checks, and after doing so informed Agents that the information given him was correct; that is, that a small number of checks amounting to about \$4,700.00 would be received within the next two days, and the remainder of about 200 checks would be received in about two weeks. This time also checking with the time given by [redacted]

Hurt was questioned as to whom he believes the gang's local contact might be and from the description furnished by Agents named the following people who might have knowledge of the bank:

Walter Jarvis
John Howell
C. W. Bass
Fred Wilkinson
Vance Day.

Of the above named, Vance Day appears to be the most logical, as Mr. Hurt explained that Day, who is about sixty years of age, gray hair and slender, is a former cashier of one of the defunct banks; is hard pressed for money, and while pretending friendship for Hurt, he believes that Day has a bitter feeling against him, due to Hurt's bank having survived the crash. Further, that about

three weeks ago, Day, who is now selling insurance, came into the bank and talked to Hurt about securing a loan on a chattel mortgage for a John Hagan, a farmer, who Hurt doesn't even know. Hurt said that Day knows the entire lay-out of the bank, and at the time of Day's interview with him, he thought the request made of him was very peculiar.

At this point, it might be mentioned that this office has in its confidential files considerable information concerning John Hagan, who lives on a farm near Collins, Missouri, about forty miles from Clinton. Hagan, according to Special Agent in Charge W. A. Smith, formerly worked with Agents of the Chicago Bureau office, and is the man to whom \$25,000. reward was paid for the alleged solving of the murder of Jake Lingle, a Chicago newspaper reporter. In a later interview with Hurt, it was found that the Hagan known to the Kansas City Bureau office and the party for whom Day was endeavoring to obtain a loan are one and the same. Hurt also furnished the following information concerning the bank:

That a janitor appears about six o'clock in the morning and he, himself, comes to work about seven o'clock, and the rest of the ten employees come at different intervals thereafter. The bank has a vault, opened by a combination, in which enough cash is left to start the day's business, and inside the vault is kept a safe, in which remaining cash is stored; this inner safe is opened by a time clock, which is usually set for 9:30 A. M., as Hurt explained that he had always been afraid of a robbery and didn't want the time lock to open before the bank was open for business. The bank has no burglar equipment, not even an alarm. It carries Federal Reserve Stock, and is a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. It was also noted that the bank faces the Square in a westerly direction and has about a thirty-foot frontage; it runs back along a side street to a depth of about sixty feet, the side of the bank containing numerous unbarred windows facing west. It is entered by a door in front; has the usual banking room, and in the middle is the bookkeepers' room; running off the bookkeepers' room is another smaller room used for customers, which location is directly in the middle of the bank and has no outside connection. At the rear of the bank is the Directors' room, and from this room runs a door leading to a hall-way connecting with the street and to a stairway running upstairs. This back door is of wood construction and has a small yale lock looking as if it could be very easily opened. The second floor of the bank is occupied by doctors and insurance officers; and has one vacant office directly over the Directors' room.

Mr. Hurt was advised that the Bureau could not maintain a guard on any bank, but that inasmuch as the Bureau was desirous of apprehending the men who were supposed to rob this bank, some arrangements might be made and he would be informed later what could be done. He stated that the Sheriff, Sterling Harness, at Clinton, Missouri, in his estimation, was very poor, but that his Chief Deputy, Dalton Davis, was a good man, but did report everything he knew to the Sheriff. The city has a constable, who is constable in name only; and the city is guarded at night by two watchmen, one aged and too old to do any good, and one young and inexperienced who patrol the streets in a car. b2
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It was impressed upon Mr. Hurt that the information furnished him must be kept confidential, as a leak would undoubtedly result in the death of [redacted] as she is the only one knowing of the plans outside of the actual gang. -1-

Hurt advised that for the present he would call his wife each morning at a certain time after his arrival at the bank; and that if he did not call, it meant the bank was being robbed, and his wife was to immediately notify the Kansas City Bureau office, so that Agents could promptly proceed to Clinton.

Mr. Jay Norman of the Norman Brothers Realty Company, located in the Fidelity National Bank Building, Kansas City, Missouri, who is the agent for the Beebe Apartments, mentioned above, was interviewed by the writer and furnished a list of the names of the residents in these apartments. He stated that his manager was Mrs. Glenne Cummings, whom he believed to be wholly reliable, and who he thought would know everyone in the two buildings comprising the Beebe Apartments, the address of which is 3320 and 3324 Woodland Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri. In the list of names furnished by Mr. Norman there appeared the name of E. L. Pendleton and wife, who live in the apartment at 3324 Woodland. - The writer recalled that in the Spring of this year, considerable investigation was carried on with respect to a man by this name in connection with the Brekid Case. Checking back in the Brekid file, it was found that this investigation was reported in the report of Special Agent R. P. Shanahan, Kansas City, dated 4-25-35 in the Brekid Case; in particular, starting on page fifteen of that report. Therein is indicated that one E. L. Pendleton, who was later identified as Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department No. 21005, was a known contact for Spike Lane, Otto Jackson and Lloyd Doyle, and through them, a contact of Volney Davis and Jess Doyle; his contact with the latter two is surmised from the fact that cards bearing his telephone number were found in the apartment of Lane and Jackson at 4915 Troost in Kansas City, Missouri, which apartment was located through information furnished by Jess Doyle, who said he had gone there looking for Volney Davis and Boris Connor.

Special Agent D. M. Brightman and the writer proceeded to the Beebe Apartments, where Special Agent Brightman went in alone, so as not to arouse suspicion, for the purpose of interviewing Mrs. Cummings, the manager. Agent Brightman exhibited some ten photographs of various wanted individuals and promptly picked out the photograph of E. L. Pendleton, Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department No. 21005, who, at the present time, she stated, was occupying Apartment 304 in the building at 3324 Woodland. She stated that Pendleton had moved in on 9-7-35, and from the very first day, she had no confidence in him; that numerous wild parties were given in his apartment, but that she had no idea who were in the party. She also stated that Pendleton was behind in his rent, and that she did not know "what to do about it". When questioned in regard to Blackie Doyle, and others, visiting Pendleton, she stated that she had never seen anyone resembling Doyle, but that any party could visit the apartment (304), and she would not know it, as she was in the building at 3320 Woodland and rarely visited the other building. In looking over the photographs shown her, Mrs. Cummings picked out the photograph of Harry Campbell and stated, "This man has been here". She described Campbell very accurately with no assistance from Agent Brightman; and further stated that this man came to her apartment (No. 102) about a month ago and asked to see a man named Newman; that he was very insistent that Newman was living there, but that she told him no person by that name was there in either apartment. She later found out that this party had gone to the other apartment building and in apartment No. 102 there had also asked for Newman. Mrs. Cummings stated that this was the only time

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she had seen this stranger. It might be noted here that Newman is undoubtedly one William Newman, who has recently been sentenced to the Missouri State Penitentiary for robbery and who [redacted] stated had been working with Blackie Doyle and Vivian Chase. Mrs. Cummings also stated that she knew all the other occupants of both apartment houses, and that none resembled any of the photographs, although there were two young women of questionable character occupying apartment 302, which adjoins the apartment occupied by Pendleton, and whom she knew to entertain other men.

Mrs. Cummings was questioned as to whether she had ever seen a doctor visiting anyone in the apartment building occupied by Pendleton, but stated that she had not, but that one could visit there without her knowledge; and that at present there was only one vacant apartment in the building, which was No. 204, directly under that occupied by Pendleton.

The information supplied by the informant and checked upon by Agents concerning the possible bank robbery at Clinton, Missouri, was telephoned to Assistant Director Harold Nathan at Washington by Special Agent in Charge Smith, and the facts were explained to Mr. Nathan, who stated that the Bureau could not be put in the position of maintaining a guard on any bank for obvious reasons, but that inasmuch as this probable robbery would be perpetrated by men wanted by the Bureau, it might be desirable to maintain a surveillance at the bank during November 25 to 27; and he authorized such procedure. Accordingly, on Sunday, November 24, 1935, Special Agents D. M. Brightman, G. H. Franklin, A. S. Reeder, A. J. Norstrom and the writer proceeded with appropriate arms to Clinton, Missouri, where Agents Brightman and the writer secured rooms at the Cozart Hotel, located almost directly across the street from the bank, and the remaining Agents secured rooms at the Central Hotel in Clinton, Missouri.

Contact was made with Mr. Hurt, the bank president, and he was informed of the position of the Agents in this case, stating that they were not there for the purpose of guarding the bank, but for the purpose of apprehending the men wanted by the Bureau; and arrangements were made with Mr. Hurt to carry out his usual method of opening the bank in the morning and phone Agents at a certain time if he were not held up as he entered the bank. Mr. Hurt explained that he fully understood the conditions under which Agents were in Clinton, Missouri.

At the above mentioned meeting on Sunday night, Mr. Hurt stated that he had seen a young man standing in front of the bank that evening when he had gone down to open some mail, and that this party appeared very suspicious to him, inasmuch as it was a rainy night and there was practically no one on the streets at that time. The next morning, Agent Brightman, while making an outside surveillance of the bank at about 6:30 in the morning, and while other Agents were waiting for a phone call from Mr. Hurt, noticed an individual standing on the corner opposite the bank; and appearing to be actively engaged in watching the bank. In a later discussion with Mr. Hurt that same day, Mr. Hurt also stated that he had noticed this man that Agent Brightman had seen, and Mr. Hurt stated that this was the same individual who had been watching the bank the night before. This party appeared about 22 or 23 years old; weighed around 140 pounds, height 5' 8", dark complexion, dressed in dark suit and overcoat and wearing a hat.

This early morning surveillance and discussions and contact with Mr. Hurl were maintained with Mr. Hurl during the days of November 19, 20, and 21, without results. During this period of time, Mr. Hurl had published in the local paper an item that the bank was carrying an unusual amount of deposits and that the gang's local contact man might see this article and arrange for an immediate robbery of the bank. Mr. Hurl also prepared a letter to the Federal Reserve Bank at Kansas City, Missouri, which was supposed to be a request for \$50,000.00 cash received by his bank for the purpose of covering the cash and checks. Mr. Hurl stated that he had called Mr. Day, mentioned above, over his desk in the bank on the 20th and had talked to Day concerning other matters, allowing this letter to lay on his desk in such a manner that he could see it and Hurl stated that he was positive that Day had read the letter, and it is highly probable that if Day is the contact man, this information will be furnished by him to the gang. No results having been secured from this three-day surveillance, Deputy Sheriff Dalton Davis was brought to the bank and in conference with Mr. Hurl and Special Agents Brightman and Parry was informed of the possible plans to rob this bank. He was cautioned that the information must be kept strictly confidential as a party's life might depend upon this information being kept secret and that it also must be kept confidential that any Agents had been in to see Mr. Hurl about this matter.

Davis appeared to Agents to be a high type of officer and readily promised his secrecy and cooperation in furnishing any assistance needed, and Mr. Hurl arranged with Davis so that Hurl's wife would notify Davis in case Hurl did not telephone his wife at a certain time each morning, and if this should happen Davis could immediately arrange a posse and surround the bank. It was also arranged that Mrs. Hurl would call the Kansas City Bureau office under the same circumstances.

E. L. Cochran, in Kansas City, Missouri, Special Agent in Charge, is a well-known publishing house, had rented apartment No. 201, at 1124 Woodland, Kansas City, Missouri, the apartment being directly under the apartment of E. L. Pendleton. This apartment is being occupied each night by the above Agents and Agents are made to see what visitors Pendleton has and the confidence of the janitor, Robert Whitty, is being gained, in order to see if he can find out who is coming to visitors to Pendleton's apartment. To date, Agents Cruise and Cochran have reported that the Pendleton apartment has been very quiet and they have noticed no one in particular visiting there. This apartment is to be rented until December 1st, at which time, unless further developments have occurred, it will be abandoned.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The KANSAS CITY OFFICE, at Kansas City, Missouri, will report results of surveillance of E. L. Pendleton's apartment.

At St. Joseph, Missouri, will keep in close touch with [redacted] to secure any more information she might give regarding Subjects in this case.

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November 30, 1935.

Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 812,
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218; et al;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

The Bureau's files disclose that a motion for a new trial on behalf of Bruno Austin was to be heard in Chicago, Illinois, on October 25, 1935.

The Bureau desires to be immediately advised of the results of the hearing. In the event that Bruno Austin has appealed from his conviction, the Bureau also desires to be advised immediately.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc - St. Paul.

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REPORT MADE AT Los Angeles, Calif.	DATE WHEN MADE 11/26/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11/11-22/35	REPORT MADE BY C. D. WHITE RL
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218, et al; Edward George Bremer, Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING - HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Investigation at Los Angeles, California, fails to develop whereabouts of CHARLES J. FITZGERALD. Registrations of Motor Vehicle Department, Sacramento, California, reflect three in the name of C. J. MURPHY who are not identical with Fitzgerald. Monarch Arms and Manufacturing Corporation, Ltd., incorporated Los Angeles, California, August 21, 1931, and operated for approximately one year manufacturing 18 and 22 shot clips for .38 and .45 automatics to be sold to peace officers. H. S. MITCHELL, reported as being subject Karpis by JOHN I. ALLEN, Compton, California, not identical with subject. Apartment 10 at 4637 Melbourne St., Hollywood, California, occupied by Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM GEARY. Mr. Geary not identical with WILLIAM E. MEAD.

REFERENCES:

Teletype Chicago office dated November 12, 1935; teletype San Francisco office dated November 15, 1935; report of Special Agent C. D. White dated Los Angeles November 16, 1935; letter of H. E. Andersen dated St. Paul November 14, 1935; letters of the Director dated October 25, 1935, November 6, 1935, and November 9, 1935, and report of Special Agent W. V. Birthright dated San Francisco April 18, 1935.

DETAILS:

Reference is made to teletype of November 12, 1935, from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Illinois, advising that the sister of ELLIE BOHN, Waukegan, Illinois, namely, Mrs. JOHN VIOSKI, had received a letter

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postmarked Los Angeles, California, November 9, 1935, to Mrs. Johnny Viskie, 184 Martin Street, Waukegan, Illinois. The handwriting being similar to that of CHARLES J. FITZGERALD, the reference teletype requesting the Los Angeles office to endeavor to develop the location of Fitzgerald through previous information in the file, informants, check of automobile registrations, etc.

In this connection the writer again contacted GEORGE MCKENZIE, Mrs. MULLHAUS, Mr. and Mrs. PAUL KENN and Mr. McPHEETERS to whom Fitzgerald sold his car at Long Beach, California. All of the above individuals were unable to supply any further information than that reflected in reference report of the writer dated at Los Angeles November 16, 1935. Observation was maintained on the residence of PERRY CHEYNE, the son of Mrs. McKenzie, at which place Mrs. McKenzie resides; namely, 907 East 81st Street, Los Angeles, without results to date.

With further reference to FITZGERALD, the Los Angeles office directed a teletype under date of November 14, 1935, requesting the San Francisco office to conduct a check of the records of the Department of Motor Vehicles at Sacramento, California, for any registrations, non-resident permits, driver's license, etc., in the name of C. J. or CHARLES J. FITZGERALD or names bearing any similar initials; also, the same request was made as to C. J. MURPHY, the name under which Fitzgerald sold his car at Long Beach, California, previously referred to. On November 15, 1935, teletype was received from the San Francisco office advising that the records of the California State Division of Motor Vehicles at Sacramento reflect that one C. J. MURPHY, 726 South Central, Apartment 23, Glendale, California, new address given May 3, 1935, as 833 1/2 North Citrus St., Los Angeles, California, registered in 1935, Dodge Sedan, motor #3687332, California 1935 license #58-7213, on April 25, 1935, legal owner, Auto Finance Company for Southern California, 2601 South Figueroa St., Los Angeles.

The above-referred to teletype further advised one C. J. MURPHY of 833 1/2 No. Citrus, Hollywood, California, on February 14, 1935, registered a 1930 Hudson Sedan, motor #9381, 1935 California License #3V-833; that one C. J. MURPHY of 1221 Manzanita St., Los Angeles, on February 20, 1935, registered a 1933 Chevrolet Coach, motor No. 8428731, California 1935 License #6D-3566, this car having been previously registered to RUTH M. HEARD, 437 North Ardmore St., Los Angeles. The referred-to teletype advised that no Operator's Licenses had been issued to the above-named persons.

With reference to the above-mentioned C. J. Murphys, it was ascertained that the C. J. Murphy residing at 833 1/2 North Citrus is the present branch manager of the Los Angeles Singer Sewing Machine Company, 2817 South Main Street, and bears an excellent reputation. This information was obtained through the Auto Finance Company of Southern California, which is a subsidiary of the Southern California Automobile Club. Mr. H. Ben Judah of the Club advised that their investigation through various credit agencies disclosed that Mr. C. J. Murphy is a reliable and responsible individual.

Inquiry on the part of the writer at 833 1/2 North Citrus Street, with reference to the registration of the 1935 Dodge Sedan, disclosed that there is no such person at that address. In view of the information obtained with respect to the Mr. Murphy of the 833 1/2 North Citrus St. address, the writer contacted him. Mr. Murphy advised that he had previously owned the 1930 Hudson Sedan referred to in teletype received from the San

San Francisco office on November 15, 1935; that he had sold this car to Mr. O'Keefe, 4848 Oakwood St., Los Angeles; that he and Mrs. Murphy purchased the 1935 Dodge Sedan, mentioned in teletype of reference from San Francisco office dated November 15, 1935, from the Smith Golden & Co., Dodge Agency, at Glendale, California. Mr. Murphy, in connection with the variance of addresses given in his name, namely, 535 1/2 and 635 1/2 No. Citrus St., Los Angeles, advised that unquestionably the automobile agency referred to at Glendale, California, upon registering the Dodge Sedan in question upon his purchase of the same gave the wrong address. This fact was verified by the writer through the Smith Golden & Co. at Glendale, California.

With reference to the C. J. Murphy mentioned in reference teletype of Nov. 15, 1935, the writer ascertained that this individual has resided at 1221 Manzanita St., Los Angeles, for a number of years, his name being reflected in the 1933, 1934 and 1935 Los Angeles City Directories for these years.

Reference is made to letter of Special Agent in Charge H. M. Anderson dated St. Paul November 14, 1935, addressed to Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Illinois, relative to mail cover on ISABELLE (NEEL) BORN, Route 1, Box 44, Waukegan, Minnesota, said cover being productive of communication dated October 19, 1935, from 907 E. 51st St., Los Angeles, California, to Miss Isabelle Born. The identity of the persons at this address is set out in reference report of the writer dated Los Angeles November 16, 1935.

Reference is made to the letter of the Director dated November 5, 1935, directed to this office relating to the MONARCH ARMS AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY of Los Angeles, California, and letter of Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd, Chicago, to this office dated November 11, 1935, on the same subject matter. An examination of the corporation records, County Clerk's office, Los Angeles, California, disclosed that the Monarch Arms and Manufacturing Corporation, Ltd., under number 50990, filed articles of incorporation on August 21, 1931, through Attorney John J. Craig, 1042 Subway Terminal Building, Los Angeles. These articles had been filed in the office of the Secretary of State of California on July 31, 1931, reflecting the stockholders to be C. J. LYONS, JOHN S. FRANCIS and JOHN J. CRAIG, each holding one share of stock for a total of three subscribed shares valued at \$10.00 each. The firm incorporated for the manufacture of firearms of all descriptions, including appurtenances and parts thereof, as well as machinery dealt in by manufacturers of motorcycles.

In connection with the above the writer interviewed Mr. Frank Pachmayr, 1220 South Grand Ave., Los Angeles, California, who operates a large gun shop at that address and who is well known to the Los Angeles office. Mr. Pachmayr in this connection advised that the Monarch Arms and Manufacturing Company operated three or four years ago in Los Angeles for a period of one year; that one of the members of the corporation was a man known only to him as FRANCIS; that the business was originally operated in a machine shop on the Northeast Corner of Venice Boulevard and Hoover, Los Angeles; that they sold principally a 20-bullet clip to be used in a .45 Automatic, supported by frame or metal stock, which, with the use of this appurtenance, converted the automatic to a rifle of 20-shot capacity; that the above described article was manufactured for the use of motorcycle policemen, a large scabbard being sold with the article which would permit it being mounted on the side of the motorcycle and which

would permit the driver of the motorcycle to drive with one hand and fire with considerable accuracy from the shoulder with the article above-described.

Mr. Pachmayr further advised that this concern was considered strictly honest and reliable and would sell only to law enforcement officials or persons entitled to have their articles legitimately in their possession; that it was his further information that one VINCENT DANIELS, who had bought an interest in the firm, turned out to be an unscrupulous businessman and was removed from the firm. It was thought at the time of his removal that he, Daniels, took some of the above-described articles with him. Mr. Pachmayr further advised that it was his information that a motorcycle officer by the name of LYONS, presently employed in that capacity by the Los Angeles Police Department, was likewise interested in the concern.

Through the Los Angeles Police Department the writer ascertained that C. J. LYONS is a motorcycle officer, presently attached to the Venice Station of the Los Angeles Police Department, at which place the writer ascertained that Mr. Lyons had received serious injuries in a motorcycle accident and is presently confined to his home at 201 Borbour Avenue, Venice, California. At the above address Mr. Lyons was interviewed by the writer and advised that he, together with Mr. Francis and Mr. Craig, in 1931 had incorporated under the name of the Monarch Arms and Manufacturing Company, Ltd., for the purpose of manufacturing what was known as the "Steady Fire" (Adjustable Stock) and "Multi-Shot" (Magazine); that these articles constituted a metal stock and clips to be used as a riot and anti-bandit gun; that the clips were manufactured for .38 Colt Super-Automatic and .45 Colt Automatic, the clip for the .38 Super-Automatic to hold 22 bullets and a clip for the .45 Automatic to hold 18 bullets; that when they first incorporated this article was made at the Severy Manufacturing Company, a machine shop located at 1348 Venice Blvd., Los Angeles; that Mr. Lyons, subsequently had trouble with FRANCIS over financial matters, Francis having defrauded him out of the proceeds of the business; that subsequently thereto he dropped out of the corporation. Mr. Lyons stated that it was his intention at the time of incorporating to sell the above-described article only to peace officers, principally motorcycle men. He further advised that some time after his trouble with Francis, an individual by the name of BEN LIPTON joined Francis in marketing the article in question; that Lipton shortly thereafter mortgaged all the machinery without the knowledge of Francis and ran away; that the whereabouts of Francis and Lipton seem to be unknown, in view of the fact that numerous persons are looking for both of them in an endeavor to collect monies owing by them to many people.

Mr. Lyons advised that the article manufactured has not been on the market, to his knowledge, since the early part of 1932. Mr. Lyons was further questioned as to any agencies presently operating in Los Angeles which might have any of the articles on hand. Mr. Lyons in this connection stated that the only agency that he knew of which might have such articles was the Harper & Reynolds Hardware Store. This concern is located at 152-54 North Main St., Los Angeles, California, at which place the writer interviewed Mr. E. L. TILLEY, Sporting Goods Department. Mr. Tilley stated that he recalled the Monarch Arms and Manufacturing Company as having operated in Los Angeles some three or four years ago selling clips and stocks for .38 and .45 Automatics; that he had bought a few of the articles for sale to peace officers but had discontinued

the line in view of disagreeable commercial associations with JOHN FRANCIS, who, in his opinion, is dishonest and irresponsible. Mr. Tilley supplied the writer with a pamphlet on which is a photograph of the article previously described and same is attached to the copies of this report to the Bureau. It should be stated that Harper & Reynolds Company bears an excellent reputation.

Reference is made to communication of the Director dated Nov. 9, 1935, directed to Mr. JOHN F. HARRINGTON, 512 So. Crocker St., Los Angeles, and the communication from that individual to the Director dated Oct. 26, 1935. With respect to the 512 So. Crocker St. address, it should be stated that this particular address is in the vicinity where numerous "flop houses" operate; that this address is a "flop house" and is operated by a Japanese. Mr. John F. Harrington, who is eighty years of age and in destitute circumstances, has a detective complex and a desire to be employed by this Bureau. He stated that he had observed the photograph of HARRY CAMPBELL in a detective magazine and that he was positive that he had seen this man enter the "flop house" on two occasions in the recent past; that he did not know who the man contacted, what his occupation was or where he resides; that this individual was 5'6" tall, weight about 140 lbs., had dark complexion, dark eyes and coal black hair. Harrington stated that he was in financial distress and that, if this Bureau so desired, for a small remuneration he would render his services looking to the apprehension of Harry Campbell.

On November 15, 1935, Mr. JOHN I. ALLEN, proprietor of a filling station located at 1419 So. Alameda St., Compton, Calif., Telephone: Compton 7781, advised the Los Angeles office by telephone that on the previous evening Alvin Karpis, whose picture he had seen in a detective magazine, purchased eight gallons of gasoline at this station at eight P.M.; that he was driving a 1926 Ford Roadster bearing 1935 California License #3R-7623; that he was wearing black shoes, blue overalls, a dirty white work shirt and cap and that the rear fender of his car was badly bent. A check at the Automobile Registration Department, Los Angeles, disclosed that the above license was registered to N. S. MITCHELL, 1545 Randall Pl., Los Angeles, for a 1926 Ford Roadster, motor #987977. Inquiry in the vicinity of the above address disclosed that N. S. Mitchell is a young man 35 years of age; height, 6'1" or 6'2"; weight, 150#; hair, dark; complexion, dark; occupation, oil field worker; resides with his parents and one brother at the above address and has resided there for several years.

Reference is made to the letter of the Director dated October 25, 1935, directed to Special Agent in Charge, Jacksonville, Florida, relating to WILLIAM E. MEAD, one Mrs. E. A. POTTS, 1419 So. Alameda St., Compton, Calif., bearing return address: Apartment 12, 1637 Melbourne St., Hollywood, California. The writer ascertained that this address is a 50-unit apartment house and that the manager of this apartment building is Mrs. B. BLISS, a strictly reliable individual. Mrs. Bliss, upon interview, advised that Apartment 12 was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM GEARY, who rented the apartment in April of 1935; that Mr. Geary is described as being age 40 to 45; height, 5'8"; weight, 165 lbs.; hair, dark to gray, receding; complexion, fair; occupation, salesman. She further advised that she had gathered from various conversations held with the occupants of this apartment that they for a number of years had been in the show business; that Mr. Geary is presently occupied as a salesman, his firm connection not being known to Mrs. Bliss; that from further conversation she ascertained that Mrs. Geary's maiden name is POTTS; that Mrs. Geary's mother, Mrs. Potts, resided somewhere in the vicinity of the apartment house in which Mr. and Mrs. Geary reside; that Mrs. Geary had mentioned the fact that her mother some time during the recent past had been visiting with friends in Florida.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent Albert Miller at Visalia, California, on November 14 and 16, 1935.

A check of the records at the Bureau of Identification in the Sheriff's Office, Tulare County, Visalia, California, disclosed that E. J. SMITH was arrested on December 26, 1933, by the police department of Visalia, Calif., on the charge of possessing narcotics, on which date Smith was released on bond. He was later tried before the Justice of the Peace for Visalia Township, where he was found guilty of the charge and sentenced to serve 30 days in the County Jail or to pay a fine of \$150.00. He served time in the Tulare County Jail at Visalia from April 4, 1934 to June 5, 1934, on which date he was released.

A description of Smith as taken from the fingerprint card of Smith on file in the Bureau of Identification, Tulare County, Visalia, California, follows:

Name	E. J. SMITH, alias James Smith
Age	30 years (as of 12-26-33)
Height	5 feet
Weight	145 lbs.
Build	Slender
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Sallow
Race	White
Occupation	None (pimp)
Visalia P. D.	#304
Sheriff's Office	#190, Visalia, Tulare County.
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It was ascertained at the Sheriff's Office, Visalia, Calif., that subsequent to the arrest of Smith, JOYCE STEWART, who was living with him as his alleged wife, and who was practicing prostitution, was arrested at Visalia on January 1, 1934, on a charge of possessing narcotics and being an addict. The records further disclose that on January 5, 1934, she was sent to the State Narcotic Hospital at Espada, California. Effort to locate her fingerprint card in the Sheriff's Office at Visalia was without success. The only description on record pertaining to this woman is that she was 25 years of age at the time of her arrest, and that her fingerprint classification is as follows: $\frac{1}{1} \frac{a}{a} \frac{A}{R} \frac{11}{14}$.

A photograph of Joyce Stewart was obtained and is also retained in the Los Angeles office file.

It was ascertained that H. J. FLUTE, Visalia Police Department, was the arresting officer of both H. J. SMITH and JOYCE STEWART. He shown the photographs of these individuals. Officer Flute recognized them immediately. He stated that Smith was known as a dope peddler and as a thief. Prior to his arrest was living in Apartment 213 of the Nevada Hotel in Visalia, California, with Joyce Stewart, his alleged wife, but who was in fact practicing prostitution at the California Hotel, Visalia; that Smith was also employed as a bartender at a place called "The Club", located at 418 East Main Street, Visalia, which was at that time a gambling house operated by DAN HOGAN; that Dan Hogan's present whereabouts is unknown, but that his former wife, BESSIE HOGAN, owns and operates the California Rooming House at this time in Visalia. Officer Flute ascertained that JACK FROST was employed as a card dealer in the poker game which was operated in the gambling house run by Hogan, and that said Frost was run out of town about one month or so prior to the arrest of H. J. Smith on December 26, 1934.

Officer Flute further ascertained that Smith's folks reside at or near Grosi, Tulare County, California, where they own and operate a ranch; that when Smith was released from the County Jail on June 5, 1934, he is supposed to have gone to Marysville or Stockton, California, to be employed as a bartender. Officer Flute stated that Smith is still supposed to be a "hop head" and a peddler of dope.

Relative to JOYCE STEWART, Smith's alleged former wife, Officer Flute stated that she was in fact not his wife but merely his prostitute, and that she had a small child at the time of her arrest in Visalia, California, and that since she was sent to the State Hospital at Stockton, California, it is rumored that she escaped twice from said institution.

Officer Flute informed that his informants who furnish information for H. J. SMITH and JOYCE STEWART are BESSIE TARKINGTON, who presently operates several rooming houses in Visalia, and JOHNNY WEGMAN, who knows Smith very well and who presently is the manager of Wegman's Liquor House, 412 East Main Street, Visalia, California, the former site of the gambling house called "The Club" where Smith was employed as a bartender and where Jack Frost was employed as a card dealer.

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The Los Angeles Bureau office will continue the investigation in this matter.

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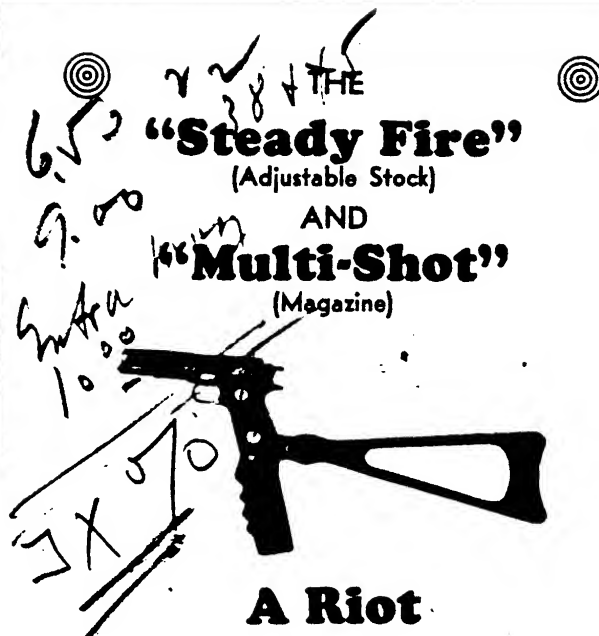
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Chief of the Bureau of Investigation
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December 2, 1935.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Jacksonville, Florida.

Re: **JOHN LAMPA, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1215; et al;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;
KIDNAPING.**

Dear Sir:

This will inform you that the Bureau has now received information from the Criminal Division of the Department advising that a prosecution will be entertained against Walter J. Miller who was indicted at Jacksonville, Florida, on February 7, 1935.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc - Mr. E. J. Connelley,
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Special Agent in Charge,
Chickasaw City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of November 22, 1935 transmitting an original two page letter beginning "Dear Mrs. Karpis I am a stranger to you" and the two accompanying envelopes one of which bears no postmark and the other postmarked "Los Angeles, California 11, October 8, 1935, 8 P. M." in connection with the case entitled, Alvin Karpis, with aliases, fugitive, I. O. #1216, et al.; Edward George Bremer - Victim; Kidnaping, your file #7-26.

Please be advised that the specimens submitted have been examined but no latent fingerprints of value could be developed.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,
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Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
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306 Fletcher Trust Building,
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Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
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Dear Sir:

Referring to your telephone conversation with Mr. E. J. Connelley of the Bureau this morning and in keeping with your request, there is being transmitted to you herewith a letter which was directed to Special Agent S. K. McKee, which was received today at the Washington Field Office of the Bureau.

It is noted that this letter was directed to Agent McKee by one [redacted] b7c b7d

It is noted that this letter refers to the fact that Mrs. Cassius McDonald has been in Havana, Cuba, and also in Miami, Florida, recently for the apparent purpose of taking care of her husband's case which was pending against Cassius McDonald at Miami, Florida.

It is anticipated that the Bureau will issue proper instructions authorizing Special Agent S. K. McKee to proceed to Havana, Cuba, and Miami, Florida, in the near future in order to cover other leads in this matter, at which time he will be able to confer with [redacted] and make other investigation pertaining to the facts disclosed in the letter to [redacted]

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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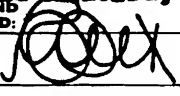
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Cincinnati, Ohio.**

REPORT MADE AT Jacksonville, Fla.	DATE WHEN MADE 11-30-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11-16-18-23-25-1935	REPORT MADE BY E. W. Fitzsimons
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218; Dr. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I. O. 1234; WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I. O. 1239, et al., EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>Mrs. S. M. Dock, Miami, Florida, admits acquaintance with Charles O. Long, who rented her house during winter months of 1929. Disclaims knowledge of present whereabouts and acquaintance with William E. Maeder. James Barker visited Miami during past season, but left latter part of April and has not returned. George Kennedy unknown.</p>			
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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent G. E. Smith, Cleveland, Ohio, November 11, 1935; report of Special Agent F. M. Plunkett, Boston, Mass., November 13, 1935.			
DETAILS AT MIAMI, FLORIDA:			
<p>As suggested in the report of reference from the Cleveland Office, attempt was made to ascertain the identity of Mrs. Edith Marco and Mrs. Anne Dahl, who, it appeared, were associated with Charles O. Long, alias Leemington, in Miami, Florida, during 1929. Accordingly the file in the office of the Superintendent of Mails, C. K. Miller, Miami, Florida, was reviewed and the following information obtained:</p> <p>By letter dated Lima, Ohio, October 21, 1929, addressed to the Postmaster, Miami, Florida, over the signature of J. F. Cordrey, Post Office Inspector, information was set forth concerning the swindle perpetrated on W. T. Hamilton of Dayton, Ohio, and requesting information concerning Charles O. Long, alias Leemington, who had been living at 325 Madetra, Coral Gables, with a woman who was posing as his wife.</p>			
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This letter likewise disclosed that the matter was not a Post Office case at that time and that no action could be taken by Postal Officials, but inasmuch as the Police Department of Lima, Ohio, was desirous of apprehending Long, it was suggested the Postmaster at Miami might make appropriate inquiries as a matter of cooperation.

Pursuant thereto, S. W. Pittman, who was then Postmaster at Miami, ascertained that one Mrs. Anna Duhl lived at 325 Madeira, Coral Gables, having moved there with one Mrs. Edith Marco on October 30, 1928. On February 4, 1929, Anna Duhl registered a forwarding address to 176 Northwest Twenty Eighth Street, Miami, and on July 9, 1929, she returned to 325 Madeira, Coral Gables. The file further reflects that occasionally Mrs. Duhl received letters from Mrs. Marco with the return address of 1556 Quaker Road, Cleveland, Ohio, in care of Grace P. Brooks. Information was furnished by the Postmaster at Miami in a letter dated March 10, 1930 in which the Postmaster at Miami agreed to maintain tracings of mail addressed to 325 Madeira, Coral Gables. It was likewise noted in the file that the Postmaster at Miami had been advised that Mrs. Edith Marco, according to the Miami Police Department records, was detained in 1928, in connection with the robbery of the Lamar Bank, Lamar, Colorado, as she was in communication with two of the accomplices of that robbery.

A search of the records of the Bureau of Identification, Miami Police Department, failed to disclose a criminal record or other record of arrest for Edith Marco, nor was there any record for Charles G. Long, alias Leemington. Therefore, inquiry was made of Sergeant of Detectives Ed Malchen, who, after having referred to his records, advised that on December 1, 1928, an automobile tire service station at Dania, Florida, had been burglarized. Subsequently one Ray Bell and Charles Luke were arrested by the Dania Police. After their arrest, it appears, Mrs. Edith Marco telephoned to the Dania Police to inquire concerning the charge against Bell and Luke and she gave her address as 325 Madeira, Coral Gables. Since the Police at Dania did not know at that time who Bell and Luke were, they asked the Miami Police to be on the lookout for Mrs. Marco, but no request was made to arrest her and that was not done. Subsequently the Miami Police were advised by Hugh D. Harper, Chief of Police at Colorado Springs, Colorado, that Ray Bell was identical with Lee Welch, a narcotics peddler, who was wanted for questioning in connection with the robbery of the Bank of Lamar, Colorado. However, it appears that Welch and Luke were subsequently released. According to a wanted bulletin, issued by the Chief of Police of Salt Lake City, Lee Welch was described as follows:

Height 5' 8"
 Weight 185 pounds
 Complexion Olive
 Color of hair Brown
 Color of eyes Brown
 Occupation Cow-puncher; bootlegger and narcotics peddler. The above-mentioned wanted notice contained a photograph of Welch in a cow-puncher's toga.

Upon receipt of this information, interview was had with Neil Miller, Manager, Withers (not Wethers) Transfer & Storage Co., 1000-12 Northeast First Avenue. Mr. Miller stated that he is well acquainted with the former Edith Marco and her mother, Mrs. Anna Duhl; that they were at one time quite wealthy, Mrs. Marco having been married to one Vincent Marco, an attorney of considerable financial means. However, they were divorced several years ago and Mrs. Marco only recently married S. M. Dock, an official of the Florida Light and Power Company. According to the records of the Withers Transfer Company, Edith Marco moved on December 4, 1929, from 525 Madeira, Coral Gables, to 25 Northwest North River Drive, Miami, which latter address was a tea room operated by her mother, Mrs. Duhl and which, at that time, was a popular meeting place for winter visitors of means. Subsequent thereto the Withers Transfer and Storage Company has stored various personal effects of Mrs. Marco, but apparently because of financial reverses, her effects have been sold for storage charges. Mr. Miller further stated that the Withers Company now has in storage two expensive fur coats of Mrs. Dock, against which there is a storage charge of \$72.00. Mr. Miller could not locate any record of an account for Mrs. Anna Duhl, and expressed the opinion that she had stored her effects with those of her daughter. Insofar as he knew, Mr. Miller stated that both Mrs. Anna Duhl and the former Edith Marco were of good reputation.

Mrs. Edith Dock, 1975 Northwest Twenty Fourth Court, Miami, Florida, when interviewed stated that she formerly resided with her mother, Mrs. Anna Duhl, at 525 Madeira, Coral Gables, and that her mother died at Miami about two years ago.

Concerning Charles O. Long, alias Leamington, Mrs. Dock stated that he and his wife had rented a portion of her home in Coral Gables during the winter season of 1929; that they had been referred to her through some people named Powell, who had come from Chicago insofar as she could recall. Mrs. Dock stated that she knew him as Long and that during the time he and his wife resided at the home with her and her mother, Long appeared to be of good character and in no manner indicated that he might have been engaged in illegitimate business.

She further stated that Long and his wife remained throughout the season; that they had a Buick Sedan, but she did not recall what license the car had nor was she able to recall where Long claimed to have come from, but believed he claimed Chicago as his permanent residence.

Mrs. Dock denied having ever observed Long in the presence of Meade, whose photograph was exhibited to her and claims Meade had never visited at her home to her knowledge. Concerning his activities, Mrs. Dock stated that Long impressed her as being financially well-to-do; that he and his wife frequented the races and otherwise seemed to be vacationing. She denied ever having accompanied Long and his wife anywhere and stated that she had gone to Cleveland, Ohio, to visit with a friend, Grace Brooks, prior to the time Long and his wife left Miami, and on her return, they had gone.

Mrs. Dock vehemently denied that she had ever posed as the wife of Long and that she had been questioned or detained by the Police in connection with the robbery of the Bank of Lamar, Colorado.

When questioned concerning Lee Welch, known to her as Ray Bell, Mrs. Dock replied that he had rented a room from her and her mother at 325 Madeira, Coral Gables, during the latter part of 1933. After living there a week or two, he was requested to move, because Mrs. Dock and her mother did not like his appearance. Shortly after he left, Mrs. Marco claims that she lost jewelry valued at approximately \$1000.00 and she concluded that Welch had taken it. Upon learning of his arrest at Dania, she claims that she telephoned to the Dania Police to inquire about his arrest and to ascertain if he was identical with the man known to her as Ray Bell and who she suspected of having taken her jewels. She further claimed to have employed an attorney at Fort Lauderdale to handle the matter for her, but no trace of the jewels resulted.

Mrs. Marco offered to cooperate with the Bureau in an endeavor to assist in the location of Long and promised to search through her personal effects in the hope of finding some memorandum or other record of assistance. However, on a subsequent interview, Mrs. Marco stated that she had made a diligent search, but was unable to locate anything of value.

The following descriptions of Long and his wife were furnished by Mrs. Dock,

Name	Charles O. Long
Age	45-50
Height	5'10"
Weight	170-180 pounds
Build	Medium-heavy
Complexion	Medium
Color of hair	Gray
Dress	Conservative

Name	Mrs. Charles O. Long
Age	25 years
Height	5'8"
Weight	120 pounds
Build	Medium-slender
Complexion	Fair
Color of hair	Dark brown
Dress	Conservative. Exceptionally refined appearance.

While it appears that Mrs. Dock was not detained or questioned by the Miami Police in connection with the robbery of the Bank of Lamar, Colorado, as suggested by the Postmaster at Miami and that her reputation insofar as is known is good, nevertheless, it is likewise apparent that Mrs. Dock may be possessed of more information concerning Long and his activities than she would divulge. During the course of the interview she quite obviously failed of recollection when it appeared advantageous for her to do so. Inasmuch as no description of Long was available, it could not be determined whether Mrs. Dock's description of him is in any way similar to his actual appearance.

Mrs. L. W. Rogers, owner of the Brady Apartments, 620 North-east Twenty Second Terrace, Miami, Florida, stated that James Barker and his wife resided there from December 27, 1934 to about the last week in April, 1935, when they departed hurriedly, Barker claiming that he had just been informed that his father had died in London, England, and had left a considerable estate; that it would be necessary for him to go to London immediately to settle the estate. Thereafter, she claims, Barker did not return. Mrs. Rogers further stated that Barker and his wife were good tenants; that they were seldom in and had few visitors. After having been shown a photograph of William E. Meade, Mrs. Rogers stated that it did not resemble the likeness of any one she had observed in company of Barker at any time. The records of the Brady Apartments indicated that Barker had rented the apartment for the season, that is, from December 27, 1934 to May 1, 1935, but

they did not indicate his permanent address or other information which might be helpful in tracing him. Mrs. Rogers stated that she had never heard of George Kennedy and was unable to recall him as a tenant or associate of Barker from his description. During the interview Mrs. Rogers stated that Barker was quite intimate with one E. D. Shute of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, a retired businessman and in this connection, she advised that Shute had rented an apartment during last season; that Barker was quite friendly with him and was often observed in Shute's apartment, but they did not appear to associate together otherwise.

Mrs. Rogers further stated that Shute, who was accompanied by his cousin, were good tenants, but that they drank too much and were too boisterous. Shute is said to have returned to Miami recently and sought to rent an apartment from Mrs. Rogers, but she declined to take him in, claiming that her apartments were all taken. She further stated that in the event interview with Shute might be desirous she was assured that he could be located at the White Horse Bar, where he spends most of his time.

E. D. Shute was located at the White Horse Bar, 2300 Northeast Second Avenue. He readily admitted his acquaintance with James Barker and stated that he had met Barker at the Brady Apartments during last season; that Barker had represented to him that he was a native of London; that his father and three brothers had been killed in the World War and had left him a considerable estate. Mr. Shute further stated that, although he had seen and talked with Barker almost daily during the time they resided at the Brady Apartments, he had never accompanied him anywhere and had never met any of his associates. When shown a photograph of William E. Meade, Shute stated that it did not resemble the likeness of any one he had ever observed to visit Barker at the apartment. He further stated that Barker spent most of his time playing golf and since Shute does not play golf, he did not have occasion to meet or observe any of Barker's golf associates. Shute stated that he had never observed any one answering the description of Kennedy in company with Barker.

Concerning his own history, Shute stated that he was associated with Westinghouse Electric Company, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for several years; that he retired four years ago at the age of sixty, and has since spent his time in travel. Mr. Shute was obviously unaware of the activities of Barker as a confidence man and he expressed his willingness to cooperate with the Bureau in the event he receives information as to the location of Barker. Mr. Shute stated that he intends to go to Jamaica on the first of December, where he expects to remain until after January 1, 1936. Thereafter he stated that he may be located at the Strand Hotel, Miami, and will be available for interview at any time. He further agreed to communicate with the local resident agent at Miami in the event he learns of the location of Barker.

Neither James Barker nor George Kennedy is known to the Miami Police and they have no criminal records on file with the Bureau of Identification under those names. They have not registered a local or forwarding address with the Post Office and they do not receive mail General Delivery.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE CLEVELAND OFFICE, at Cleveland, Ohio, is requested to interview Grace P. Brooks, 1536 Oscar Road, concerning the visit of Mrs. Edith Dock, formerly Edith Marco, during the winter months of 1929 or 1930, and for such information as may be obtained through that source concerning the possible association of Mrs. Edith Dock with Charles G. Long. It will be recalled that Mrs. Dock is said to have been living with Long, as his wife, at 325 Madeira, Coral Gables, Florida. Mrs. Dock denies this and claims that Long and his wife had rented a portion of her home. Therefore, it is deemed advisable to determine whether Mrs. Dock was in fact posing as the wife of Long or had indicated anything concerning him to Grace Brooks.

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Laboratory Report

November 29, 1935

Case: Alvin Karpis with aliases - Fugitive,
I.O. 1218, et al.; Edward G. Bremer -
Victim, Kidnaping.

Number: 7-576-8066

Specimens: 7-576-8066:

- A. Photostatic copy of Sworn Statement of Owner No. 845714.
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Examination by: Appel

The signatures of W. A. Weaver which are the known specimens of the writing of this individual in the Laboratory were compared with specimen #8066-A, the signature "J. A. Orhood" on the sworn statement, the same signature on specimen #8066-C and #8066-B. No conclusion was reached in view of the fact the specimens do not include the same letters and are therefore not comparable. There are some characteristics which are similar but it is necessary to have the same letters arranged in the same combinations before a definite conclusion can be made.

The signature "Jay Carter" on the bill of sale transferring the Chevrolet Coupe to the Robinson Chevrolet Company was likewise compared with the signatures "W. A. Weaver" without a conclusion, for the same reason.

The signatures "Jay Carter" on the two bills of sale are believed to have been written by the same person. They were compared with the signature of Myrtle Eaton and from such characteristics as are comparable, it is believed that she probably did not write the signature. Of course, this is unreliable, being based upon insufficient specimens. In the same way, the signatures "Jay Carter" were compared with "H. Barry" and the same conclusion reached that probably the same individual did not write this name.

The signatures "Blair Caldwell" of the notary public were compared with the remainder of the writing in the body of specimen #8066-C and because of the characteristics in the writing, it is believed that the same person wrote both of these writings, that is, the body of specimen #8066-C

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and the signatures "Elmer Caldwell" at the bottom.

With reference to Theodore Angus, Toledo Police #6617, it is probable that Angus did not write the questioned signature although there are few letters which may be compared.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases -
Fugitive, I.O. 1218, et al.;
Edward G. Bremer - Victim,
Kidnaping.

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Dear Sir:

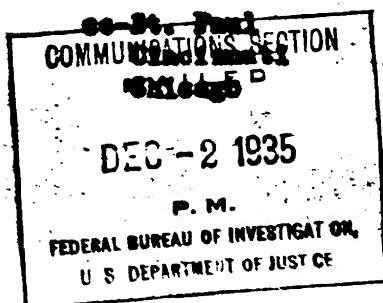
There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Bureau November 25, 1935.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure: 7-57530



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Mr. Tamm
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: BREMER KIDNAPING CASE.

I talked to Connelley this morning in connection with the situation in Oklahoma relative to the apparent or possible failure of the Oklahoma City Office to cover the residence of Campbell's mother and also other relatives of Campbell in such a manner as to have precluded Campbell visiting his mother, providing he did. There is not sufficient information in the files as yet to submit a detailed report and I so told Connelley. Connelley is transmitting a letter immediately giving in detail the results of his observations and investigation at Oklahoma City last week. Immediately upon its receipt I will transmit a memorandum to you advising as to the responsibility for this condition.

From what I can gather, there has been laxity at the Oklahoma City Office. However, you will be advised in detail.

Very truly yours,

H. Nathan.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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November 30, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. EDWARDS

In compliance with the request of Mr. McIntire, I am transmitting herewith fifty copies of a photograph as appearing in the files of the Identification Division of Nathaniel Heller, our file #FBI-892780, who as #F-24187, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office, Miami, Florida, February 12, 1935, and as #529, was arrested by the United States Marshal, Miami, Florida, February 12, 1935.

Please be advised that our files do not reveal a photograph of Joseph H. Adams, our file #FBI-882350.

Respectfully,

L. C. Schilder
L. C. Schilder.

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Edward H. McIntire

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Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.
Dec. 2, 1935.

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Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Special Agent in Charge,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

REKID

The following quoted letter from CASSIUS McDONALD addressed to his wife, Mrs. Edith G. McDonald, 744 Oakdale St., S.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan, was given to the Ramsey County Jail-er today by McDONALD for mailing. The jailer brought it to this office. It will not be placed in the mail for several days pending your decision as to any action you may desire to take after reading its contents. The Mr. "E" referred to in the letter is Mr. Evans of the Evans Fingerprint Supply Company of Chicago, who previously visited McDONALD in jail here, and which has been reported in a previous letter of mine.

"Read Balzac
Condreville Mystery
Trials of police, Cerantius revenge, a political trial,
conclusion; shows history repeating itself.

December 3, 1935.

"My dear Edith:

"Yours received. So glad Roy and rest all working.
Maxie, Jane, and love to all.

"About Mr. E. I did not tell him that conversation.
He must of gotten the truth from some other source which
confirms what I said from the beginning.

"About Mr. Bernard, I received letter from him
about his fees. You see him, note for you.

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"Someone has fooled with my files no doubt, and you
put them in safe keeping as they will sabotage and espionage
everything unless President Roosevelt puts a stop to it.

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"Your wire received, dear. Drive slowly on skiddy roads. Put light on your farm and dress warm. Don't need any clothes at present but will when case comes up. Green sent 2 ties and Brown shirt and collar, and shirt you bought for me with tie. Don't pay for clubs \$17.00 at this time, tell Al.

"Army trunk and contents, U. S. Survey book is on book case shelf left side. U. S. Signal Corps manual .
4 Panama hats understand. Movie films of Cubs and football games. Big base map and Forestry files and options, & etc.

"I sent you note and Judge to Mr. Barnard letter. Matter for Judge and Mr. Barnard to look before time on Dec. 9. John O'Hara of Oakland and Mr. Eggman can make contact for Mr. Barnard for appointment that he wanted to see President.

"Love to mother and all.

"MAC"

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Detroit

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December 2, 1958.

Edward George Palmer

Dear Sirs,

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Mr. L. J. ...

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Very truly yours,

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Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 7-25

REPORT MADE AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN	DATE WHEN MADE 11/29/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11/18,19/35	REPORT MADE BY W. B. MATNEY
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL</p> <p>Patricia Cherrington, U. S. Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan, refused to give information concerning contacts of the Dillinger gang in St. Paul or elsewhere. Telephone Euclid 9093 discontinued; calls now received at Euclid 4512-M.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCES: Letter of Inspector Clegg dated 4/15/34 at St. Paul, Minnesota.</p> <p>Reports of Special Agent D. L. Nicholson dated 7/16/34 and 8/28/34 at St. Paul, Minnesota.</p> <p>Report of Special Agent J. L. Madala dated 11/14/35 at Chicago, Illinois.</p> <p>DETAILS: Patricia Cherrington was interviewed at the United States Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan, and was extremely non-committal. The only information which Miss Cherrington did give was to the effect that John Hamilton, John Dillinger, Evelyn Frechette, and herself were living in the Lexington Avenue apartment in St. Paul, Minnesota, at the time the shooting took place at that address. She emphatically denies that Opal Long, her sister, was in St. Paul at that time or that she saw Opal Long during the time she was in St. Paul. Miss Cherrington advised that prior to the above-mentioned shooting she and John Hamilton</p>			
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had left for a short time and upon returning noticed a disturbance at the above address. She would give no additional information and emphatically stated that she would not tell anyone where she went after that time or who she saw. Miss Cherrington denies that she later went to the home of Pat Reilly and subsequently to McCormick's Restaurant in St. Paul where she was picked up and taken to the farm of Harry Sawyer. Miss Cherrington advised that she has never heard of Harry Sawyer or Mrs. Sawyer and when questioned concerning the names of different police officers in St. Paul, Minnesota, as set out in reference reports, Miss Cherrington stated that she had never heard of any of these persons and stated that she was telling the truth. Miss Cherrington stated at that time that even though she did know any information, she would not divulge same to anyone as she had "forgotten about the mess".

Miss Cherrington states that she has never heard of McMullen, Tom Brown, or Bill Crumbley. She emphatically denies the information as set out in reference report which was given to Special Agent Gross at Madison, Wisconsin. She advised that she knows of no contacts concerning the members of the Dillinger gang and other persons in St. Paul. Miss Cherrington advised that if she did know she would not divulge this information.

As set out in the letter of Inspector Clegg, Miss Cherrington emphatically denies that Bessie Green was in the Lexington Avenue Apartment prior to the shooting and states that she has never met Bessie Green.

[REDACTED] b7c
[REDACTED] advised that telephone number Euclid 9093 has been listed to Sally Martin, 3342 West Chicago Boulevard. [REDACTED] stated that the records in his possession reveal that this telephone was discontinued October 21, 1935, and that according to the contract had with this person, she is listed as the cashier for the AuLion D'or Tea Room located at 5403 Second Boulevard, Detroit, Michigan. [REDACTED] stated that according to his records his company was advised on the date of the discontinuance of service that all telephone calls for the above-mentioned number were to be transferred to Euclid 4512-M which telephone is listed for Mary C. Castell, 2750 West Chicago Boulevard, apartment 212. An examination of the contract had with Mary C. Castell revealed that the occupation of Mary C. Castell is "independent dressmaker."

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

November 30, 1935.

Time - 11:55 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

In pursuance of a telephone conversation which I had with Mr. Connelley in Chicago on the matter of the Cuban witnesses in the forthcoming trial of the above matter at St. Paul, at which time it was decided that the attitude of the United States Attorney should be obtained so that we might know where we stand in the situation, Mr. Connelley telephoned Acting Special Agent Clinton Stein at the St. Paul Office asking him to contact the United States Attorney for his attitude.

Mr. Stein now telephoned me and said that he had contacted United States Attorney Sullivan relative to this situation, who advised it is his understanding that the Department of Justice through the Department of State will make the necessary arrangements; that inasmuch as they are foreign witnesses, the Department of State enters into some kind of a contract with them assuring them a certain definite per diem and expenses; that the Department of Justice is of the opinion that we should defer to the Department of State in such matters. In other words, Mr. Sullivan has taken this matter up with the Department in Washington and has been informed that the Department is taking the matter up with the Department of State.

I told Mr. Stein that the Bureau here in Washington would check through the Department to see what steps have been taken in this matter.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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OVER DETAILS TRIAL BARRETT TO MAKE SURE ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION
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W BARRETT STARTING MONDAY. WILL KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH CHICAGO
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SITUATION WITH REGARD TO SURVEILLANCES
AND INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVITY WITH A VIEW
TO THE APPREHENSION OF ALVIN KARPIS AND
HARRY CAMPBELL IN THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA.

Mr. Baughman
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Mr. Joseph
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Miss Gandy

Under date of November 6, 1935 the Bureau received a letter from the Detroit Office, copies thereof being sent to Chicago, Oklahoma City, and other interested offices, advising that on the morning of October 26, 1935 the chief clerk of the United States Detention Farm at Milan, Michigan telephoned and advised of a conversation between Mrs. R. D. Wilson, sister of Wynona Burdette and the latter (Wynona Burdette, as you know, is a prisoner at this institution). The conversation was covered by a Bureau Agent, and indicated a statement on the part of Mrs. Wilson to the effect that Harry Campbell had visited "Mildred", but had not found "Mildred" at home and had left the sum of \$50 with somebody for "Mildred". Mrs. Wilson stated she could not sleep at nights inasmuch as she expected Campbell would put in an appearance at any time and feared Karpis might be with him.

A further conversation occurred between the two women, who are sisters, on October 27, 1935. This conversation was also covered by a Bureau Agent, and Mrs. Wilson then stated that after Campbell had visited "Mildred", Government men went to Mildred's home and stayed there for two weeks. The "Mildred" mentioned in the foregoing is Mildred Jones, another sister of Wynona Burdette. In this same conversation Mrs. Wilson said that Harry Campbell had visited his mother twice since Wynona Burdette had been incarcerated at Milan, and Wynona Burdette seemed to indicate that she knew this.

On November 9, 1935 a telegram was sent by Special Agent in Charge Connelley to the Oklahoma City Office, calling attention to this reported conversation of Mrs. R. D. Wilson with Wynona Burdette, mentioning that Connelley had had no prior notice of the visits of Campbell to his mother, and stating that this

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warranted very definite action on the part of the Oklahoma City Office in connection with a surveillance of both Campbell's mother and the sisters of the Burdette woman; that the Oklahoma City Office should advise as to the definite set-up and contacts arranged in this connection; also that the holiday season was approaching, which made it desirable for comprehensive contacts to be maintained.

On November 11, 1935 is a record of a telephonic communication of Special Agent in Charge Brantley to Mr. Tamm, in which he referred to the teletype from Connelley and said that he did not want to get into a controversy with Connelley or the Bureau or anybody else, but that the reports have indicated that attention has been given to this situation and that he had forwarded a letter showing in detail that the Oklahoma City Office had not neglected the investigation of this case. He stated there were two or three things mentioned in the teletype of Connelley which were physical impossibilities, that is, to keep the houses of the sisters of Wynona Burdette under surveillance, inasmuch as they reside in very small communities. In this conversation Brantley stated "Connelley is not the only person working on the case".

In a later conversation with Mr. Connelley, Mr. Tamm indicated that the Oklahoma City Office was endeavoring to rent a house in the immediate vicinity of the house of Campbell's mother, from which they might conduct a 24-hour a day surveillance. Mr. Tamm suggested to Mr. Connelley that he go down to Oklahoma.

A letter dated November 12, 1935 is recorded from Special Agent in Charge Brantley, in which he refers to previous correspondence and teletypes, also previous reports, also the disposition by the Oklahoma City Office of various undeveloped leads. He calls attention to Connelley's teletype and a letter from the Detroit Office, in which the sisters of Wynona Burdette are reported to fear the calling of Campbell and Karpis upon them, and states that this indicates that they would not willingly do anything for either of them should they appear. He states with regard to Connelley's suggestion that the homes of these two sisters be kept under surveillance, that one of them lives at Turley, Oklahoma, i.e., Mildred Jones, and that the other lives at Arondale, Oklahoma,

both in remote sections of the country, and it would be impossible to conduct a surveillance without all the members of the community being cognizant thereof. However, he states, "Further investigation will be made in this respect at Hominy, Oklahoma (to which point the other sister, Mrs. Wilson, had moved) to establish some confidential informant who will be able to observe the Wilson home." He stated that Mr. and Mrs. Wilson had reflected a willingness to cooperate with the Bureau at various times. Mr. Brantley stated he had discussed the matter with Mr. Tamm; that the Oklahoma City Office had under consideration the renting of a house near the home of Campbell's parents; also that in Agent Hansen's report dated at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, September 7, 1935, information was furnished the Chicago Office and others as to a visit Campbell is alleged to have made to his home, being driven to Tulsa by "a boy" whose name in all probability was Milt Letts. He further stated that the Oklahoma City Office was making a concentrated effort to locate the Letts boy to solicit his cooperation. He further states that, as reported by Agent Hansen, a Mrs. Lona Smith, widow of one J. Earl Smith, who was apparently killed by Campbell and others, and who desired Campbell's apprehension, lives most of the time with a sister at 820 South Rockford Street in Tulsa, Oklahoma, next-door to the home of Campbell's parents, and she and her sister promised to maintain a close surveillance of their home, and that if Campbell had been there it was without the knowledge of these two informants.

A letter is recorded from Special Agent in Charge Connelley, dated November 14, 1935, in which he calls attention to Brantley's letters and states they indicate a defensive and critical attitude; that no criticism was intended by him, and his teletype was only an effort to have this matter intelligently and thoroughly covered. Connelley states that in his opinion Brantley's letters indicate a petulant or irrepressible frame of mind as to a supposed criticism, or a condition which he believed to be a criticism, and possibly one that he believed warranted, in view of the rather lengthy explanation of the supposed issues involved. He states that Brantley apparently takes exception to his, Connelley's, remark that they did not know of Campbell's visit to his mother's home on two occasions, and that Brantley states this was an error, inasmuch as the Oklahoma City Office did know that they had missed him at his mother's home by reason of the fact that in September they were placed on notice, through the alleged action of one Milton Letts. Connelley points out that the issue concerned is

not one as to whether or not they knew they had missed Campbell, but rather what was the set-up arranged in order to apprehend him and why this set-up failed.

Connelley states he does not believe a very definite set-up was arranged, as it was possible for Mrs. Wilson to leave Arondale and move to Hominy, Oklahoma, as she apparently did, without the Oklahoma City Office being advised. He states that the surveillance of the sisters of Wynona Burdette would not necessarily mean an actual physical observation where this would be impracticable, but a set-up by informants who would afford information relative thereto.

Mr. Connelley went to Oklahoma City and the Oklahoma City Office has rented a house adjacent to that of Campbell's parents, for the purpose of conducting a surveillance thereof. In Mr. Connelley's letter of November 26, 1935 he refers to various arrangements made for the handling of various leads in Oklahoma concerning persons whom Campbell and Karpis might contact.

It would appear that Campbell very probably did appear in the vicinity of the home of Mildred Jones at Turley, Oklahoma and left \$50 with Mark Whinery, the husband of Ruth Burdette, another sister of Wynona Burdette, and that one Milton Lett had apparently driven Campbell to within one and one-half blocks of his mother's home in Tulsa where he visited. Campbell has been identified as being a customer of the registered letter offices both at Brunswick and Cleveland, Ohio, from which points five registered letters were sent in May, June, July, August and October, to the mother of Milton Lett. Connelley points out that after obtaining information as to these registered letters, apparently an interview was had by the Oklahoma City Office with Milton Lett, which he states was probably undesirable for the reason that if he does not cooperate with the Oklahoma City Office and has the address of Harry Campbell and communicates with him, he will undoubtedly advise him of the fact that he, Lett, has been approached and this probably will result in Campbell leaving the place where he is now located. Connelley states, however, that it is possible that the Lett family may be receiving mail for subsequent delivery without being actually aware of the place where they could contact Campbell.

With regard to the report of Agent Hansen, indicating that Mrs. Lona Smith, wife of former attorney J. Earl Smith, was living at 820 South Rockford Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, with her sister, Connelley advised that apparently arrangements were made for Mrs. Smith and her sister to keep the Oklahoma City Office advised should Campbell appear at the home of his parents, which was next-door, and apparently this was the only arrangement made in the neighborhood. Apparently at some time in the past Mrs. Smith and her sister moved out of this house and her present location is unknown, and apparently she has not been contacted recently. This indicates that the surveillance in Tulsa was apparently not of a particularly enthusiastically conscientious variety.

Connelley apparently agrees that the surveillance of the two Burdette sisters would be difficult, but states that some surveillance could probably be made at night by parking automobiles at a distance and proceeding to the immediate vicinity of these houses on foot.

SUMMARY

There would appear to be no doubt in my mind that the surveillance of the home of Campbell's parents in Tulsa, Oklahoma was loose, to say the least. The Oklahoma City Office appeared to be relying upon a woman who lived next-door to the home of the parents, whose husband allegedly had been killed by the gang, but the character of this surveillance may be determined by the fact that Connelley now reports that this woman and her sister moved from this home at some unknown date, sometime in the past, to a point unknown.

The character of the surveillance is the only thing at issue. I get very weary of temperamental Agents in Charge who object to criticism either implied or otherwise. Whether Connelley thinks Brantley has not been working or Brantley thinks Connelley has not been working is about as useless and unimportant as anything of which I am personally aware. Brantley is probably incurably thin-skinned and temperamental. It does not matter what Brantley thinks or Connelley thinks, but what was the nature of this particular surveillance is the point to be decided. It appears

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to have been negligent. However, in order that there may be no opportunity for Brantley to come forward with more poignantly pathetic objections to allegedly unwarranted criticism, I am writing him a letter asking him, on behalf of the Bureau, whether he thinks the surveillance of the home of Campbell's parents was appropriate, and final decision can be held in abeyance pending his reply. A letter for your signature is attached.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'H. Nathan', with a stylized, cursive-like flourish.

H. NATHAN.

December 3, 1935.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Aberdeen, South Dakota.

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases -
Fugitive, I. O. 1218, et al.;
Edward G. Bremer - Victim;
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

With reference to Laboratory Report #3786, in connection with the above entitled case, there are transmitted under separate cover, photographic copies of the following specimens which your office submitted for examination:

- A. One record sheet bearing date of "15th - 31st, August - 1935" and beginning with name of "Adams, George".
- B. One record sheet bearing date of "August - 1935 - 15th to 31st" and beginning with name of "Robinson, Herbert".
- C. One record sheet bearing date of "August - 1935, 1-15" and beginning with name of "Lang, Raymond".
- D. One record sheet bearing date of "August - 1935, 1-15" and beginning with name of "Browning, Joe."..
- E. One record sheet bearing date of "August - 1935, 1-15" and beginning with name of "Leachman, Andrew".
- F. One record sheet bearing notation at top, "Work Sheet - August - 15 - 1935" and beginning with name of "Adams, George".

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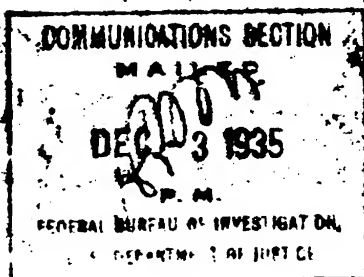
Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

POST OFFICE BOX 812
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

November 26, 1935.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St., N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE,
I.O. 1218 et al - Edward George Bremer,
Victim; KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGI-
TIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NAT'L
FIREARMS ACT.

At Oklahoma City on November 21 and 22, 1935, the situation as to the previous efforts of the Oklahoma City office to cause the apprehension of Harry Campbell was covered in conference with S.A.C. Brantley, and Special Agent Paul Hansen, and the situation as to the surveillance to be maintained on the mother and father of Campbell at 818 South Rockford Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, was also discussed, together with these Agents as well as Agent Endres who will be one of the Agents to observe the Campbell home from 820 South Rockford Street, Tulsa, together with two other unknown Agents who are being sent in from the outside to assist in this surveillance.

In connection with the activity in the Oklahoma City district in the vicinity of South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, PEARL STANLEY, six miles southeast of South Coffeyville is supposed to have harbored the Karpis-Barker gang and may know of the present activities of Campbell and Karpis. She is to be interviewed at a later date prior interview having been delayed due to the condition of the roads, she not having actually been approached. This investigation of course will be carried on with the idea of definitely determining that she is not at the present time harboring or aiding these two fugitives, before any direct inquiry is made of her.

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MRS. ESTHER WILLEY, 1401 Elm Street, Coffeyville, Kansas, the mother-in-law of Earl Morris, the latter being a half breed Indian who went to Washington, D. C. with Jimmie White and later returned to South Coffeyville, it is believed will furnish information if she can.

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into possession of same, particularly if it will cause any embarrassment to her son-in-law, Earl Morris.

With reference [redacted] who has agreed to act as an informant in this matter, particularly through [redacted] [redacted] provided that he is definitely assured that nothing will ever be disclosed that he has conferred with the office in this connection, this individual has recently been arrested in connection with a robbery involving himself, Harry Campbell, Tom Carpenter, and others, which robbery occurred some time in the past, and it is possible that this may interfere with his efforts. However, in view of certain recent developments as to the LETT boy it is believed that possibly [redacted] was actually endeavoring to assist us in this connection when in August of 1935 he advised us of the activities of Milton Lett, who he stated in April or May 1935 had driven Campbell to within one and one half blocks of his home in Tulsa, where he visited with his mother; also when he advised that the Lett boy had probably driven Campbell to see his wife's sister, which latter situation apparently referred to the time Campbell appeared in the vicinity of the home of Mildred Jones at Turley, Oklahoma, and at that time left fifty dollars with Mark Whinery, the husband of Ruth Burdett, another sister of Wynona Burdett. This general information apparently had some substantial foundation in the light of certain recent information, particularly that reflected in letter of the Oklahoma City office dated November 18, 1935, to the Cleveland Office, wherein it is noted five registered letters over a period of May, June, July, August, and October had been sent to the mother of Milton Lett, route 2, Wann, Oklahoma, as to which investigation at Cleveland resulted in the identification of the sender as possibly being Harry Campbell, Campbell being identified as being a customer of the registered letter office both at Brunswick, Ohio, and Cleveland, Ohio. It is noted that three of these letters were sent by a George Benton, the "George" being a known alias of Campbell, and two were mailed by a man, the return address however being Mary Forth. It is believed very possible that Harry Campbell is at Cleveland, Ohio, and that he is associated with Karpis at this point; also, that their contact there is probably Arthur W. Heberbrand and James Patton. However, it is noted that after obtaining the information as to these registered letters, apparently interview was had with Milton Lett, which

was probably undesirable, for the reason that if he does not cooperate with us, and he has the address of Harry Campbell and can communicate with him he will undoubtedly advise him of the fact that he, Lett, has been approached, and this probably will result in Campbell leaving the place where he is now located. It is also possible that while the Lett family may be receiving the mail for subsequent delivery to Harry Campbell, they may not actually be aware of where they could communicate with Campbell themselves, and if such is the case we may have opportunity to cause the apprehension of Campbell through this information at Cleveland, Ohio.

As to LES and CHARLIE McCABE, South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, Les McCabe has indicated that he will furnish us information as to the appearance of Campbell at South Coffeyville, and the office of course will follow its possibilities as to this. It is to be noted that Les McCabe is supposed to have seen Campbell in May, 1935 at South Coffeyville, which is about the time Campbell was supposed to have left the money at Turley.

SAM COKER, previously associated with Harry Campbell is apparently now being sought by the local officers there in connection with certain robberies and no information is had as to his exact present location.

It is noted that reference is also made to CHARLIE HARRIS, formerly bartender at the night club of Tom Hill, who in August 1935 was in the speakeasy located on highway 77 on the Oklahoma side, known as the State Line Filling Station.

The situation as to obtaining if possible an informant at or in the vicinity of South Coffeyville, Oklahoma who could keep himself advised as to the activities of these various persons whom Campbell might contact, was discussed with S.A.C. Brantley and Special Agent Hansen, and provided Milton Lett would definitely become an informant for us it is believed that it would be desirable to pay him a reasonable amount of money from time to time in order that he could concern himself with contacting these various persons and also various places where Campbell might appear, in order that the office might be advised from time to time of just what was going on there, and in order also

that they might be assured of receiving the information should Campbell appear in that vicinity. As to this of course provided Milton Lett proves to be unwilling to act as an informant, further consideration should be given to obtaining the services of some other individual of the same type and character, who can keep us advised. Of course the Agent covering this investigation should make frequent contacts with the people who have indicated a willingness to keep us advised, in order to keep the investigation alive at all times, and due to the fact that Campbell has supposedly appeared in this vicinity on more than one occasion during the past year, these contacts should be very frequent and should not be limited to one contact per month.

In connection with the activities at Ponca City, Oklahoma, very little activity remains at this place, although it is recalled that Hiram G. Raffensperger, manager of the Public Market, who is friendly with Wynona Burdett and who was with her on the night Karpis picked her up to take her to Florida and is referred to in correspondence of Wynona as "Hy", is still located at this place and apparently he keeps in close contact with the various Burdett girls. Also there is located in Ponca City FRED TINDLE alias "Wetump", a night club operator who has indicated a willingness to advise if Campbell appears at that place, and in connection with this informant J. R. Rhodes of Fairfax, Oklahoma is acquainted with Tindle and has indicated that Tindle and one Charles Davis are people whom Campbell would contact. At Ponca City these two individuals should be contacted at definite intervals to keep alive the possibility that they will inform us if they obtain any information.

In connection with the activity in the vicinity of Skiatook, Oklahoma there are a number of individuals who might have information, such as THEODOR PALMER, a tool dresser who is acquainted with Wynona Burdett and Harry Campbell; also CLIFF ROGERS who is acquainted with and friendly with Harry Campbell and has been acting as an informant for us. Reference has also been made at this place to RAY ROBERSON who has been intimate with Jimmie Burdett and knows Harry Campbell. However Roberson's reliability is questioned.

As to Skiatook, it is believed that Cliff Rogers will advise and will know when Harry Campbell comes into this place.

With reference to report of Agent Hansen in this matter dated September 7, 1935, the matter of a 1600 acre ranch of BERT WIXON south west of Taloga is discussed, as well as one SEXTON of Tulsa, first cousin of Wixon, who comes to the ranch often, and this place is referred to as a hideout by former Sheriff Clarence Jones, who apparently at one time received a request to look for Harry Campbell on this ranch, although apparently he never made such investigation. It is indicated in the report that possibly DOUG PARKER who has a nearby farm or ranch might be reliable and that he could be approached as to who might be located on the Wixon ranch. It is believed that the necessary investigation should be made to definitely determine that Campbell and Karpis are not on this ranch at the present time, and that they are not using it as a possible hideout from time to time, and that arrangements should be made to be kept advised should anyone appear at this ranch who might be the subjects, particularly if anything is learned indicating that Campbell has used this farm as a hideout in the past.

In connection with the inquiry at Skiatook, it is noted that a bootlegger known only as BILL is referred to in report of Agent Hansen dated August 2, 1935, he being described as age 55; height 5 feet 11 inches; weight 215 pounds. This party according to Melvin Brooks is supposed to be a contact of Harry Campbell. Agent Hansen indicates that so far he has failed to determine at Skiatook who this individual might be. Subsequent inquiry at Skiatook should develop this further.

In connection with the activity at Tulsa, Oklahoma which is believed to be particularly worthy of attention at this time, in view of the allegations that possibly Campbell has visited his mother and father recently, it is noted as reflected in report of Agent Hansen dated May 31, 1935 in this matter, page 10, that Mrs. LONA SMITH, wife of former attorney J. Earl Smith was then living at 820 South Rockford Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, together with her sister Mrs. Blackwell, J. Earl Smith being the attorney who was presumably killed by Campbell et al. At the time of this inquiry apparently arrangements were made for Mrs. Smith and her sister to keep the office advised should Campbell appear at the home of his parents. Apparently this was the only arrangement made in the neighborhood, and in connection with the rental of the

house at 820 Rockford Street by Agent Endres as a point of observation for Agents who are to maintain a surveillance on the Campbell home, it was noted that apparently some time in the past Mrs. Smith and her sister moved out of this house, at some unknown date, and her present location is unknown and apparently she has not been contacted recently, which of course eliminated her advising us of the appearance of Harry Campbell at this place. Provided that the surveillance we maintain at 820 South Rockford Street, Tulsa, in an effort to detect Campbell contacting his family does not prove successful, and if no contact is made within a reasonable period of time and it is necessary to suspend such surveillance, prior to the time any such surveillance is terminated a very careful canvass should be made of all persons on Rockford Street and the street to the rear of the Campbell home, to establish reliable persons who will keep this house under observation from time to time and advise us of any unusual activity of the family either through the mother and father of Campbell or his sisters who live at this address with the parents.

In connection with the undercover informants established at Tulsa it is believed that GEORGE ~~KEADY~~ alias "Burr Head" will probably obtain information if Campbell appears there, and this informant together with others who will be mentioned hereinafter, should be frequently contacted, without particularly burdening them with our interest in the apprehension of Campbell. However, these contacts should be sufficiently frequent to maintain the interest of these individuals in their efforts to locate Campbell, and also in order that we may be advised from time to time as to where they are, and in order to prevent them from moving away without our knowledge.

Among the various informants at Tulsa reference in the past has been made to CARRIE ~~STRICKLAND~~ who is now I understand employed as a steel worker, and who according to Melvin Brooks would be a good contact of Harry Campbell. LOUIS ~~JACOBS~~ it is understood employs the one sister of Campbell, Pearl, at one place of business and is the boy friend of Laura Campbell the other sister, and also occasionally employs Edith Campbell still another sister, at a beer joint he has in Tulsa. This individual may or may not disclose information he has as to the location of Campbell, but he should be kept in mind at all times. EMMETT ~~WELCH~~ employed at the Texaco Oil Company, West Tulsa as a welder, and who formerly knew Campbell at Evansville, Wyoming should of course be

contacted from time to time. It is noted that Welch in report of the Oklahoma City office some time in the past indicated he would endeavor to visit the Campbell family in June, 1935, and possibly in the future he could be encouraged to do this if he has any reason for doing so, and it is possible that he might obtain information of value indicating when the family at least last saw Harry Campbell.

MARK WHINERY of Tulsa, husband of the former Ruth Burdett, is of course a rather doubtful informant, although he is the party Harry Campbell approached in April, 1935; and to whom Campbell gave fifty dollars, in the vicinity of Mildred Jones' home in Turley, Okla. Mr. and Mrs. CHUCK HUGHES, Mrs. Hughes being the former Eunice Burdett, at Tulsa, should be kept in mind, as well as MILDRED JONES located at Turley, Oklahoma, and in this connection the Oklahoma City office will make inquiry as to the identity of the party driving Ford automobile with Kansas license for 1935 number 631458 and who visited Mildred Jones and family on November 22, 1935 at the time Jimmie Burdett, Mildred Jones and Mrs. R. D. Wilson were all together at the home of Mildred at Turley.

In connection with an observation of the home of Mildred Jones at Turley which is about seven miles from Tulsa, located on the oil lease of the Gillespie Oil Company, it is believed that should there be any reason to suspect the appearance of Campbell at this place on a specific date, that a very suitable observation and surveillance of this place could be maintained at night time by Agents driving to that vicinity and parking their automobile some distance away, and proceeding to the immediate vicinity on foot, or by parking their automobile in the garage of the manager of the oil lease, and thereafter the Agents concealing themselves in the wooded country either to the front or rear of the house, which could undoubtedly be successfully carried out at night, and due to the fact that this house is located in the wooded section, approach could be had to the house sufficiently to hear conversations.

In connection with the other sister, Mrs. R. D. Wilson, who lives with her husband at Arondale, close to Hominy, Oklahoma, Agent Hansen advises me that this is located in an open section of the country which cannot be successfully watched. However, it is believed that should it be necessary to cover this place, even though it is located

in open field country, Agents could at least get sufficiently close to the house on a dark night to observe same. However in this connection Agent Hansen advises he believes the party who is employed with R. D. Wilson would advise if he knew of the appearance of Campbell. Nevertheless this man has nothing to do with the Wilson family after working hours, and provided information is received that Campbell is in the vicinity it would then be necessary to make a surveillance as indicated above, by Agents proceeding to the immediate vicinity of these locations and lying out in the night time to watch the places. This of course would not be possible during the day time, and probably would not be possible either at Arondale or Turley continuously at night time, but such an observation would be contingent upon the possibility of Campbell then being in the vicinity, provided of course no house of observation can be found.

The Burdett girls, although apparently indicating that they are desirous of turning Campbell in, or at least of being desirous to assist, are rather a doubtful quantity as to whether or not they would actually turn Campbell in should he appear and furnish them with funds at any time, they all being more or less of limited circumstances. If and when Harry Campbell appears in the vicinity of any of these homes, a definite surveillance should be worked out and maintained as to the homes in question, without trusting to the possibility that the Burdett girls will turn in the information as to Campbell appearing. As to either the sister at Turley or Arondale, Oklahoma, it is believed that an individual might be able to work himself into the neighborhood under cover, as an oil field worker, and possibly establish himself in some home in the close vicinity, from which he could keep a definite observation of either home. However, this would have to be very carefully handled and the details worked out consistent with how and where this Agent or undercover man might be employed, and he thereafter obtaining a residence in keeping with his supposed employment. This is mentioned at this time to indicate that it is not a physical impossibility to establish a surveillance at either of the two places.

Also in connection with the activities at Tulsa, Pansy Kingsbury, wife of a former locksmith who was sent to the penitentiary for the theft of stamps, has been contacted in the past. [REDACTED] have also been cooperating. It is also noted that Bill Dolan of Sperry, Oklahoma [REDACTED]

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[redacted] has acted as an informant in this matter and was friendly with Harry Campbell, [redacted]

MELVIN BROOKS, former informant is now apparently in jail at Sedan, Kansas in connection with the charge as to which he and Tom Carpenter pleaded guilty, and which charge also involves Harry Campbell, and as to which they apparently are trying to involve Tom Hill.

In connection with the activity at Tulsa, it is noted that JOHN CROMER who according to report of Agent Hansen August 2, 1935, was employed by a widow who has an undertaking place at Tulsa, might have information, and that Doctor Cliff Logan of Hominy, Oklahoma might also have some information, by reason of the fact that Doctor Logan knew Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Wilson, and Doctor Logan and John Cromer had in the past been out with Jimmie and Wynona Burdett. Cromer now being in Tulsa, no harm would be done by verifying whether he has any information at this time.

In connection with the various persons at Tulsa, and particularly the relatives of Campbell and the sisters of Wynona Burdett, in addition to establishing someone who can if necessary under suitable pretext go into the home of the father and mother of Harry Campbell to verify any situation which might develop, we should endeavor to develop some informant who if necessary should be paid a reasonable amount from time to time, to keep him active, who can visit among the various people referred to as possible contacts of Harry Campbell, in order to obtain first hand any information as to the possible appearance of Campbell at this place. This should be either by the development of some individual not previously considered, or by taking one of the informants previously above mentioned who is in need of funds, and paying him sufficient to keep him in contact with the situation, that is, in order that he would have sufficient time to do this. If and when the informants are established in this manner, the Agent covering the investigation should keep in close contact with them in order that he will have no difficulty in immediately learning of anything that develops. Due to the widespread location of the various persons who might be contacted by Campbell should he appear in Oklahoma, it is believed that at least one man should devote his entire time to this case, and should be held responsible for a definite knowledge of any and all informants and contacts

and should keep sufficiently in contact with these to be advised of their location at all times, and to encourage them in their efforts to obtain information.

Very truly yours,


E. F. CONNELLEY,

Special Agent in Charge.

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November 30, 1935

Mr. Dwight Brantley,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 1276,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
Fugitive, I. O. 1218, et al,
Edward George Bremer, Victim,
KIDNAPING.

The Bureau has reviewed all of the correspondence in connection with the current activities with a view to locating Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell should they make any contact in your jurisdiction.

The Bureau notes the initiation of a surveillance by Bureau Agents from a house rented adjacent to that of the mother and father of Harry Campbell. The Bureau desires to be advised why this procedure was not considered appropriate before this time.

The Bureau notes that the Oklahoma City Office was apparently relying upon a Mrs. Lena Smith, wife of a former attorney named J. Earl Smith, who, together with her sister, a Mrs. Blackwell, was residing for some time at 820 South Rockford Street, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, next door to the home of Campbell's parents. The Bureau, however, further notes that the only arrangement apparently made was that Mrs. Smith and her sister were to keep the Oklahoma City Office informed, and that apparently at some time in the past Mrs. Smith and her sister moved out of this house and their present location is unknown. This does not indicate an extremely close supervision of this particular surveillance of your part. Will you please advise the Bureau as to your plans relative to this particular phase of the situation.

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Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
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Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
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Mr. Dwight Brantley.

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The Bureau is somewhat dubious as to the action taken by the Oklahoma City Office in interviewing one Milton Lett, and desires to be advised as to whether you do not think this to have been somewhat dangerous, inasmuch as if Lett is not particularly concerned with fulfilling any agreement with the Oklahoma City Office representatives, he may advise Harry Campbell of the fact that the Bureau is aware of the probability that Campbell has communicated with his relatives through the Lett boy and thus impel Campbell to desist further communications of this kind and type.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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WRADE AS ELMER W. WRADE NO. 3741 ARRESTED LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

Re: Volney Davis

During the time that Volney Davis was incarcerated in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, Special Agents of the Kansas City, Missouri, Office were able to obtain very valuable information from him. The manner in which they prevailed upon him to furnish them with information was somewhat as follows:

Davis is unusually fond of his family. His sisters visited him on several occasions. He had certain personal effects located in an apartment in Kansas City, Missouri, and it was his desire that these personal effects be delivered to members of his family. Certain Special Agents of the Kansas City Office took particular pains to treat Davis' sisters very courteously, and took them about Kansas City in Bureau-owned automobiles in order to collect the personal effects of Volney Davis. This conduct on the part of the Special Agents had a very remarkable effect upon the sisters of Volney Davis, whereupon they explained to Davis the courtesies which had been extended to them by Agents of the Bureau and encouraged him to furnish all information in his possession which would be of assistance to this Bureau. In consequence thereof, Davis, as I understand, made a special request to be interviewed by certain representatives of the Kansas City Office. He subsequently furnished information which was of great assistance to this Bureau, resulting in the apprehension of two fugitives and in the location of the bodies of two other fugitives who were of national importance.

The aforementioned is narrated in the belief that the tactics used by Agents of the Kansas City Office may be explained to new Agents who may be able to use similar tactics in the future to a good advantage.

Respectfully,

K. R. McIntire
K. R. McIntire.

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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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December 2, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218, et al;
Edward George Bremer, Victim;
Kidnaping.

At about 11:30 A. M. Mr. Newby, of the Washington Field Office, brought to my desk a letter which had been received by the Washington Field Office, having been directed to Special Agent S. K. McKee by [REDACTED]

It is known that [REDACTED] is a confidential informant of the Bureau, in consequence of which I brought this matter to your attention, and you advised that I should telephonically communicate with Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley at Indianapolis, Indiana, to ascertain whether it would be satisfactory for the Bureau to open this letter.

In keeping with your advice, I communicated telephonically with Mr. Connelley at 11:45 A. M., and he stated it would be satisfactory to open the letter. I thereupon opened same and read the contents to him. The letter is quoted below:

[REDACTED]
Nov 30th, 1935.

Dear Sam:

Just a line to let you know that Mrs. Cassius McDonald has been over to Havana to see Beal and Boliver. I don't know just when McDonald's case comes up but she seems very much worried and is willing to spend a little paper money to make things easy. At present I believe that she is Miami waiting for McDonald's attorney to prepare some sort of papers that she will bring back here to get signed. Boliver is ok but that rat Beal would take a hot stove. I may know more in a week or so when and if she comes back. Drop me a line if this is of any good to you.

Henry and Jake send their best, the nice little operator sends love etc.

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Yours sincerely

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- During our conversation, Mr. Connelley and I both expressed the opinion that Mrs. McDonald might be in Havana and Miami in an effort to arrange for McDonald's bond to be released at Miami, and that she might also be making arrangements for witnesses from Havana.

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Mr. Connelley advised that the above mentioned letter should be mailed to him at Indianapolis, Indiana, air mail special delivery, and that same would be transmitted to Agent McKee in order that he might communicate with [REDACTED] This is accordingly being done.

Respectfully,

K. R. McIntire.

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Yours sincerely

*Original letter to Jim (condemned)
J. J. Kennedy 12/2/35.
RRM.*

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December 3, 1935.

Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, WITH ALIASES
FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218, et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

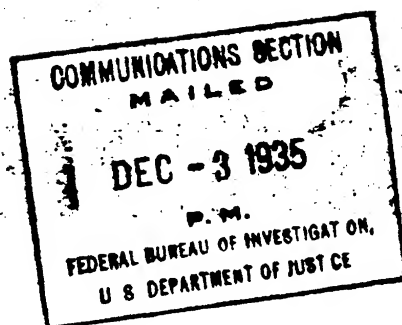
Reference is made to Bureau letter of November 6, 1935
and also to your letter of November 16, 1935, with regard to Robert
Delaney.

Please be informed that the Bureau does not anticipate
at this time that Robert Delaney should be interviewed, but it is
desired that his place of residence and employment be ascertained
to determine whether he may be involved in any matter which may
lead to the location of Alvin Karpis or Harry Campbell.

Very truly yours,
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Special Agent in Charge,
Portland, Oregon.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218, ET AL,
Edward George Bremer, Victim,
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Special Agent T. M. Clifford of the
Portland Office recently visited one of the Supervisors
at the Bureau and suggested that the Portland Office
could use a few more photographs of Harry Campbell in the
current investigations in the above entitled matter.

In accordance with his suggestion,
there are transmitted herewith fifteen assorted photographs
of Harry Campbell.

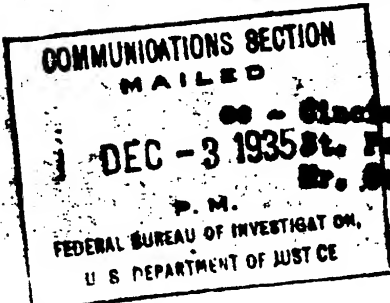
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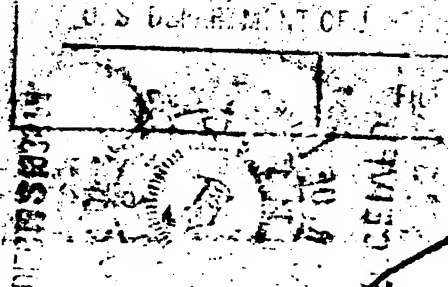
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St. Paul

Mr. Connelley at Chicago.



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OF CUBA, HAVANA, CUBA, NOW VISITING NEW YORK ON BUSINESS. ADVISES A

BUSINESS ASSOCIATE ENGAGED IN SMALL ADVERTISING BUSINESS IN HAVANA,

ADDRESS UNKNOWN, BY NAME OF J. E. ROGERS, HAS IDENTIFIED PICTURE OF

HARRY CAMPBELL IN STARTLING DETECTIVE MAGAZINE, MAY 1935 ISSUE, AS A

MAN IN HAVANA KNOWN AS ROGER DUGAD. DUGAD-OSTENSIBLY MANUFACTURING

NEON SIGNS. FACTORY OF DUGAD LOCATED IN WAREHOUSE DISTRICT OUTSIDE

OF BUSINESS CENTRE IN HAVANA, EXACT ADDRESS UNKNOWN. LIVING QUARTERS

IN FACTORY. ALSO OPERATES LARGE CAR, EITHER LA MALLE OR CADILLAC.

DUGAD ACTIONS SUSPICIOUS IN THAT HE DOES NOT SEEM TO WANT BUSINESS,

REPRESENTS HIMSELF AS FRENCHMAN BUT CANNOT SPEAK FRENCH AND USES

ONLY ENGLISH AND BROKEN SPANISH. DUGAD IS KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN IN

VICINITY FOR PAST SIX MONTHS AND LAST SEEN BY ROGERS THREE WEEKS AGO.

ON ONE OCCASION ANOTHER MAN SEEN BY ROGERS IN FACTORY, BUT NO DESCRIPTION

AVAILABLE. BOTH DUGAD AND ASSOCIATE WEAR SMOKED GLASSES. WATERS WILL

LEAVE NEW YORK FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29, BY AUTOMOBILE FOR MIAMI, AND EXPECTS

NATHAN
DNR

TO REACH HAVANA THE MORNING OF DECEMBER 4. WATERS WILL PRODUCE
AND POINT OUT DUGADS FACTORY WHENEVER DESIRED. WATERS IMPRESSED A
AS INTELLIGENT, SINCERE AND RELIABLE. HAS RESIDED IN HAVANA FOR FIFTY
YEARS. ROGERS HAS BEEN THERE FOR TWENTY FIVE YEARS. DETAILED LETTER
FOLLOWS.

WHITLEY

CC- CHICAGO, JACKSONVILLE, ST PAUL

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR
EAT:CDW

Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
November 29, 1935.

Time - 5:32 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

During a telephonic conversation which I had with Mr. Connelley at the Chicago Office, mention was made of the attached teletype from Whitley of the New York Office setting forth information furnished by R. V. Waters, President of the Electrical Equipment Company of Cuba, Havana, Cuba, to the effect that a friend of his by the name of J. E. Rogers in Havana has identified the photograph of Harry Campbell as being the same person who is operating a small advertising business in Havana. Mr. Waters has volunteered to put an Agent in touch with Rogers, who will show the Agent the man in question. Mr. Waters is due to return to Havana on or about December 4, 1935.

In connection with this matter, the trial of this case at St. Paul is set for January 6, 1936, and the Bureau has not as yet been informed as to the matter of depositions of the witnesses in Havana. In other words, it has not been decided whether the witnesses will be called in person to St. Paul, whether they will be brought to Miami, Florida, for the purpose of making deposition, or whether their depositions will be taken in Cuba. Mr. Connelley said that he would call the St. Paul Office and have Acting Special Agent in Charge Stein get in touch with the United States Attorney and get a definite decision as to what he desires relative to this particular phase of the matter. Mr. Connelley pointed out that we should know about this as soon as possible, because if an Agent has to go to Havana to get these depositions, it is going to require quite a bit of time.

Special Agent S. K. McKee, you will recall, conducted considerable investigation in Cuba in connection with this case. There was a consensus of opinion between Mr. Connelley and myself that if it becomes necessary to send an Agent to Cuba to take the depositions in this case, Agent McKee should be sent. At the same time, he could cover the lead suggested by the teletype from New York, mentioned in the first paragraph of this memorandum. I pointed out to Mr. Connelley that McKee has conducted prior investigation in Cuba, and undoubtedly has connections with various officials down there through which he could obtain any assistance he might require.

The attitude and desires of the United States Attorney in this matter will be furnished to the Bureau as soon as possible.

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Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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Post Office Box 812
Chicago Illinois

December 3, 1935

Special Agent in Charge
Indianapolis, Indiana

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

On December 2, 1935, [redacted] was interviewed by me. [redacted] advised that he had obtained information that about a week or ten days ago, subject Alvin Karpis had been observed at a road house on U.S. Highway 12 between Gary, Indiana and Michigan City, Indiana in company with an individual by the name of Miller.

[redacted] stated this road house was known as Cohuts (phonetic spelling), and he could give no more definite information as to its location.

Concerning Miller, [redacted] advised this individual is reported to be the proprietor of a number of houses of prostitution in Gary, Indiana.

It is requested that your office conduct the appropriate investigation at Gary, Indiana to obtain all information possible concerning Miller, and also endeavor to locate the road house above referred to to ascertain if Karpis is in fact frequenting this place.

In the event any more definite information is obtained from our informant, we will submit same to you.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD

Special Agent in Charge

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cc Cincinnati
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December 2, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
FUGITIVE; I. O. 1219, et al.;
Edward George Bremer, Victim;
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

The Bureau observes that during the course of the interviews conducted with numerous persons who have been apprehended in the above entitled matter, little or no consideration has been given to determining from whom the identity of the party or parties, members of the Barker-Karpis group, who purchased the underwear, the shirt, and the socks which were given to Mr. Bremer to wear in place of his own clothes immediately preceding his departure from the hide-out at Duquoinville, Illinois, for Rochester, Minnesota, where he was subsequently released.

It is, therefore, requested that the offices receiving copies of this letter immediately conduct appropriate interviews with Miss Murray, James Doyle, Volney Davis and Wynona Burdette in the belief these persons may have the desired information. It is believed that if the identity of the person purchasing the above mentioned articles can be determined and the place where the purchases were made can be learned, it may be possible to obtain an identification which would be of assistance in the further prosecution of this case.

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Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc - Detroit
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
San Francisco
Mr. Connelley at Chicago.
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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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Edwin and W. B. Brown

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Mr. Tracy
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Per *W.S.*

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

629 First National Bank Building
Omaha, Nebraska

December 2, 1935.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St. N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218 et al;
Edward George Bremer - VICTIM.
KIDNAPING, etc.

Today, a man claiming to be JACK STANFORD CROSSLIN called at this office and stated that he was born in Waco, Texas where his antecedents settled one hundred and fifty years ago; that he graduated from Baylor University in Texas in 1921 and while attending that university was selected as all Southwestern quarterback; that he practiced law in Texas for a number of years but has not practiced during the last eighteen months for the reason that he has tuberculosis and does not expect to live more than a year. He stated he enlisted in the U. S. Army on March 20, 1917 and was a member of the Second Texas Infantry, Company G, Waco, Texas; that he was discharged May 9, 1917 due to the fact that he suffered a broken shoulder and other injuries. He informed that he enlisted in the U. S. Navy on June 8, 1918 at New Orleans, Louisiana and was discharged at the Portsmouth, Virginia Naval Hospital on March 20, 1919.

He stated that he personally knew Alvin Karpis, and that he met Karpis at Minneapolis, Minnesota during recent years while he, Crosslin, was engaged in legal work there in the interest of the late Major O. L. Bodenhamer, former national commander of the American Legion. Crosslin stated that he arrived in Omaha, Nebraska a few days ago and while drinking in one of the local speak-easies met a man whom he believes is Karpis. He stated that this man was with a Mexican, and that the man whom he believes is Karpis invited him (Crosslin) to join with him in an arson job at Omaha.

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Crosslin stated that he would like to assist this Bureau in effecting the location of Karpis so that he could redeem himself with his wife and show her that he was capable of some good accomplishment. He stated that he was not seeking any reward, but should he be successful he requested that this Bureau direct a letter to his wife, making known the good he accomplished. At first he stated that should he locate Karpis he would want a position with this Bureau. At the time he called at this office it was evident that he had been drinking.

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intoxicating liquors. He was told that I could not offer him any employment with this Bureau, but that if he should locate Karpis and inform this office of Karpis's whereabouts, and should Karpis be apprehended as a result of his information, he would be given suitable compensation.

I seriously doubt that Crosslin personally knows Karpis and seriously question that he saw a man whom he believes is Karpis at this city and while I do not place any great hope in him in so far as the location of Karpis is concerned I entered into an understanding with him whereby he should seek to locate Karpis and should he locate him that he would promptly report the matter to me. I gave Crosslin a small sum of money, believing it best never to overlook the possibility of locating Karpis.


Shortly after Crosslin left this office he telephoned this office to the effect that he had learned that the man he believes is Karpis left Omaha for Lincoln, Nebraska, and that he (Crosslin) was going to Lincoln to locate him.

The reason why I doubt this man's credibility is because he stated that Karpis invited him to join him in an arson plot, a type of crime which I do not believe Karpis follows.

Crosslin stated he had never been arrested for any felony and willingly permitted his fingerprints to be taken. Attached hereto you will find his fingerprints and I will ask that you have a search of the Bureau's fingerprint files made and this office advised if any history covering this man is of record.

I am writing you for your general information in this regard.

Very truly yours,


JOHN A. DOWD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Karpas and Carroll
Bank Robbers

J. B. Carroll 261-5th Ave
John Carroll 30 West 60
John Carroll 70 Pine
John Carroll 25 Broad
T. Carroll 152 E 121 St
Mrs Carroll 450 E 84
J. B. Carroll 261-5th Ave

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Stock Brokers

Carroll Karpas and Nobile

Mark Noble & Co 39 Broadway
C. J. Nobile 80 West 3

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Carroll McGreary Iron & Steel

21-51 Borden Ave

Long Island City.

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Karpas and Schwartz

A. Schwartz 395-7th Ave
A. Schwartz 1175 Grant Ave Real Estate
Charles Schwartz 730-5th Ave
A. Schwartz 1440 Broadway
A. Schwartz 570-7th Ave
285 Fort Washington Ave
Schwartz 1441 Broadway
Schwartz 3713 Washington
393 West End Ave
Schwartz 22 East 40
189 Montague St
Brooklyn
Bennett-Johnson 120 Wall St
A. Johnson 350 Broadway.

Stock Brokers
and
Real Estate

New York City

Alvin Karpas

Alise Carp Karp Karp
A Karp 283 Stanton
A Karp 113 West 10
Karp 585 West End Ave
Bernard Karp 3647 Broadway
Edward Karp 244 West 42
Irving Karp 221 West 82
Louis Karp 181 Ludlow
Paul Karp 120 Broadway
Irving Karpf 235 West 76
Karpf 71 West 47
Karpas Lexterman 240 West 37
Irving Karpf 500 - 5th Ave
Carp 15 West 18
Doctor Carp 1016 - 5th Ave
Carl J Karpas 240 West 37
Irving Karpas 1 West 80
Irving Karpas 120 Broadway

New York City

Carroll and Karpas
may be going to a
Doctor at Glens Falls
for plastic surgery.

Ward
Burton
Woodruff
Karpas
Schwartz
Johnson
Hamilton
Campbell

Stock Brokers

Bennett-Johnson
120 Wall St
120 Broadway
25 Broad St
39 Broadway
50 Church
Way Gordon

Mahon
Carroll
Weaver
Leigh
Pierpont
Allen
Brown
Doyle
Hartley

New York City

Fish Boat Bennett
Fish Boat Schwartz
Fish Boat Johnson

Bennett-Johnson
120 Wall
120 Broadway
Waxey Gordon

Karpas and Schwartz
Greenwich Village
New York City.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Chief of the Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice Building
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Stock Brokers
(Bennett-Johnson
120 Wall St)

Schwartz and Karpis
25 Broad St
New York City

Alvin Karpis

alias

Karp

Karp

Karpis

Stock Broker

Karpis and Schwartz

Doctor Paul Schwartz

25 Broad St

Residence

50 Central Park South

A. Schwartz 393-7th Ave

E. Schwartz 1175 Grant Ave

Real Estate

A. Schwartz 570-7th Ave

285 Fort Washington Ave

New York City

Alvin Karpis
alias

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Stock Broker

A. Karp 283 Stanton St -

A Karp 113 West 10 St
New York City

Karp 585 West End Ave
Broker

Karp and Schwartz
Brokers

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Karpis and Schwartz

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393 West End Ave

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Schwartz 189 Montague St
Brooklyn, N Y

Herman Schwartz
39 Broadway
New York City

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Herman Schwartz
39 Broadway

Doctor Paul Schwarz
25 Broad St
50 Central Park South

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A Karp 113 West 10

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Schwartz 22 East 40

Schwartz 189 Montague St Brooklyn

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Chief of Department,
Washington



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December 5, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
Jacksonville, Florida

RE: CONFISCATED FORD SEDAN,
MOTOR NUMBER 18-1190702.

Dear Sir:

The records at the Bureau reflect that the above described Ford Sedan was purchased by Harry Campbell, under the name of G. F. Summers at Gainesville, Florida, and Florida certificate of title number 952564 was issued in the name of G. F. Summers for this automobile.

During the investigation of the Bremer case at Gainesville, Florida, it was ascertained that Wynona Burdette delivered title to this Ford Sedan to Duke Randall, who gave the car and certificate of title to Gregory I. Codomo, from whose possession it was recovered by Bureau Agents, title having been registered in the name of the Bureau by the Motor Vehicle Commissioner at Tallahassee, Florida.

Inasmuch as efforts to dispose of this car have not been successful thus far in that the Federal Court has refused to assume jurisdiction of this car and Gregory I. Codomo, the last owner, has refused to take possession of same, and the Department has advised that a transfer of the car to another Government agency cannot be effected, it is desired by the Bureau that Duke Randall, who formerly owned the car, be contacted to determine if he will accept this car. In the event Randall refuses to take possession of it, it is desired that relatives of Harry Campbell be contacted for the purpose of determining if they will take possession of it.

This matter should expedited inasmuch as the Bureau does not desire the possession of this car any longer.

In the event Randall or one of Campbell's relatives will take possession of the car you should, of course, obtain a receipt.

The Bureau should be advised immediately when this car is disposed of.

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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John Hamilton
Harry Campbell
A. Barker
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J. Carroll
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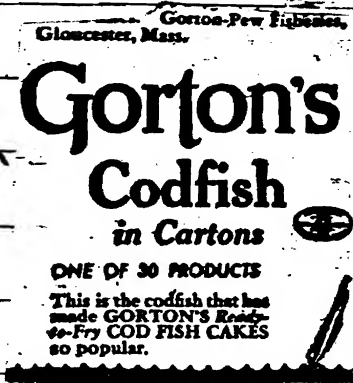
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From Gloucester
to Front St, Water St
New York

Narcotics Fish and Criminals



Bennett - Johnson

120 Wall St

120 Broadway

39 Broadway

25 ~~John~~ Broad St

New York City

Bennett

Wayne Gordon

Johnson

Schwartz

Fish Boats

Bennett - Johnson

Johnson - Schwarty

Schwarty and Karpas

Schwarty, Johnson and

O'Malley and Delaney.

Fish Boats
Ward Burton Campbell Karpas Mahon Hamilton

James Gordon Bennett
Wayne Gordon

Bennett-Johnson
120 Wall St

Gordon alias Gorton
Gloucester
Cape Cod

Johnson
Schwartz
Allen
Hale
Brown
Boyle

Carroll and Karpas
may be going
to a doctor
in Larchmont
for plastic surgery.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Chief of the Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice Building
Washington, D. C.



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U. S. Department of Justice

629 First National Bank Building,

Omaha, Nebraska

Dec. 3, 1935

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Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at Ninth Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases,
Fugitive, I.O. #1218; et al,
Edward George Bremer, Victim.
Kidnaping, Etc.

This will acknowledge receipt of a copy of your letter to the Kansas City Office in this case, dated November 30, 1935, at this office today, in which letter, among other things, you instruct the Kansas City Bureau Office to immediately arrange to have Edna Murray interviewed at the Missouri State Penitentiary for the purpose of determining the name and location of the Mexican doctor who formerly attended both Blackie and Jess Doyle and Edna Murray, and in which you instruct the Kansas City Office to forward this office a copy of the report of Agent M. C. Spear, Kansas City, 11/16/35, so that Jess Doyle could be interviewed at the Nebraska State Penitentiary for the purpose of determining from him, if possible, the identity of the doctor.

I respectfully invite your attention to your letter dated November 19, 1935, to Mr. E. J. Connelley at Chicago, Illinois, in this case, copy of which was directed to this office, in which letter you instructed that Agent D. P. Sullivan of the Chicago Office proceed to Lincoln, Nebraska for the purpose of interviewing Jess Doyle at the Nebraska State Penitentiary, along the lines suggested in that letter.

I respectfully suggest to the Bureau that better results might be achieved when interviewing Jess Doyle, if the interview was conducted by one agent, most familiar with this case, who might be in a position to better cultivate Doyle's cooperation, than by several agents interviewing him. I suggest, therefore, that the Bureau give consideration to instructing Agent D. P. Sullivan to interview Jess Doyle along the lines of your letter of November 30, 1935, at the time he interviews Doyle in connection with the matters outlined in your letter of November 19, 1935, both above referred to.

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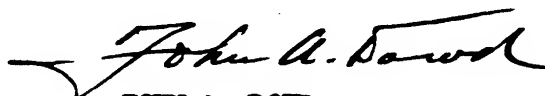
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Director,

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In the absence of further instructions that this office should interview Jess Doyle concerning the location and identity of the Mexican doctor, no further attention will be given this angle.

Very truly yours,



JOHN A. DOWD,
Special Agent in Charge

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CC - Cincinnati,
Chicago (Connellley)
St. Paul
Kansas City

P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklah
November 22, 1935

Mr. Perkins	.....
Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Baughman	.....
Chief Clerk	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Coffey	.....
Mr. Edwards	.....
Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Foxworth	.....
Mr. Harbo	.....
Mr. Joseph	.....
Mr. Keith	.....
Mr. Lester	.....
Mr. Quinn	.....
Mr. Schilder	.....
Mr. Tamm	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

You are advised that [redacted] is leaving here at 9:00 p.m., November 22, 1936, for Chicago, for the purpose of contacting the Karpis family with a view to ascertaining anything she can concerning the whereabouts or the contacts of subject Alvin Karpis. [redacted]

Paul Brown knows Karpis, and has known him for several years. He also is acquainted with certain members of the Karpis family, being more intimately acquainted with Billy Howard than any other member thereof.

This woman believes that she may be able to visit with Emily Newbold for a few days, depending, of course, upon the reception she is given. In the event she does not put up at the Newbold household, she will obtain a room somewhere, and I have instructed her to inform you of her location and to call you in the event any emergency arises or any information is obtained in her warranting immediate attention. She was given the sum of \$50.00, and a round trip ticket was purchased for her. If she prolongs her visit, she may need a few additional dollars, which it is kindly requested that you furnish her, in a sum not to exceed \$25.00 at any one time.

It is not desired that any surveillance be maintained of this woman.

Mr. E. J. Connelley is conversant with the circumstances in this matter.

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Very Truly Yours

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DEWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 812
Chicago Illinois

December 3, 1935

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U.S. Department of Justice
Pennsylvania Ave. at 9th St., N.W.
Washington, D.C.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

There are being sent to you via express under Government bill of lading J-82005, the following listed articles in compliance with the instructions contained in your letter dated November 26, 1935:

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Articles confiscated on January 8, 1935, by Bureau agents from the apartment occupied by Russell Gibson at 3920 Pinegrove Avenue, Chicago, Illinois as follows:

Two bullet proof vests
Two .45 multi clips
Two .380 clips
Two .32 clips (loaded)
One Browning clip (loaded)
One .32 Colt automatic pistol 481780
One .32 automatic Colt pistol 304899
Four boxes Peter's 30.06 expanding type ammunition
Seven loose cartridges Peter's 30.06 expanding type ammunition

One medical kit confiscated on January 8, 1935 from the apartment occupied by Arthur "Doc" Barker, 432 Surf Street, Chicago, Illinois

One medical kit confiscated on January 16, 1935 from house occupied by Fred and Kate Barker at Oklawaha, Florida.

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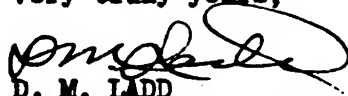
In addition to the above articles which are being shipped to the Bureau, the Chicago office retains in its possession the following equipment used by Fred Barker and Harry Campbell which was recovered at Oklawaha, Florida on January 16, 1935:

One pair field glasses - 8 x 40 No. 1430456
One flash light(hand)
One flash light

Advice is requested as to what disposition should be made of these articles inasmuch as the Bureau letter of November 26, 1935 referred only to firearms and items of firearms equipment.

The Chicago office is also retaining possession of one black hand bag used for carrying machine gun which was recovered at Oklawaha, Florida, for possible evidence against Harry Campbell at the time he is prosecuted in the instant case.

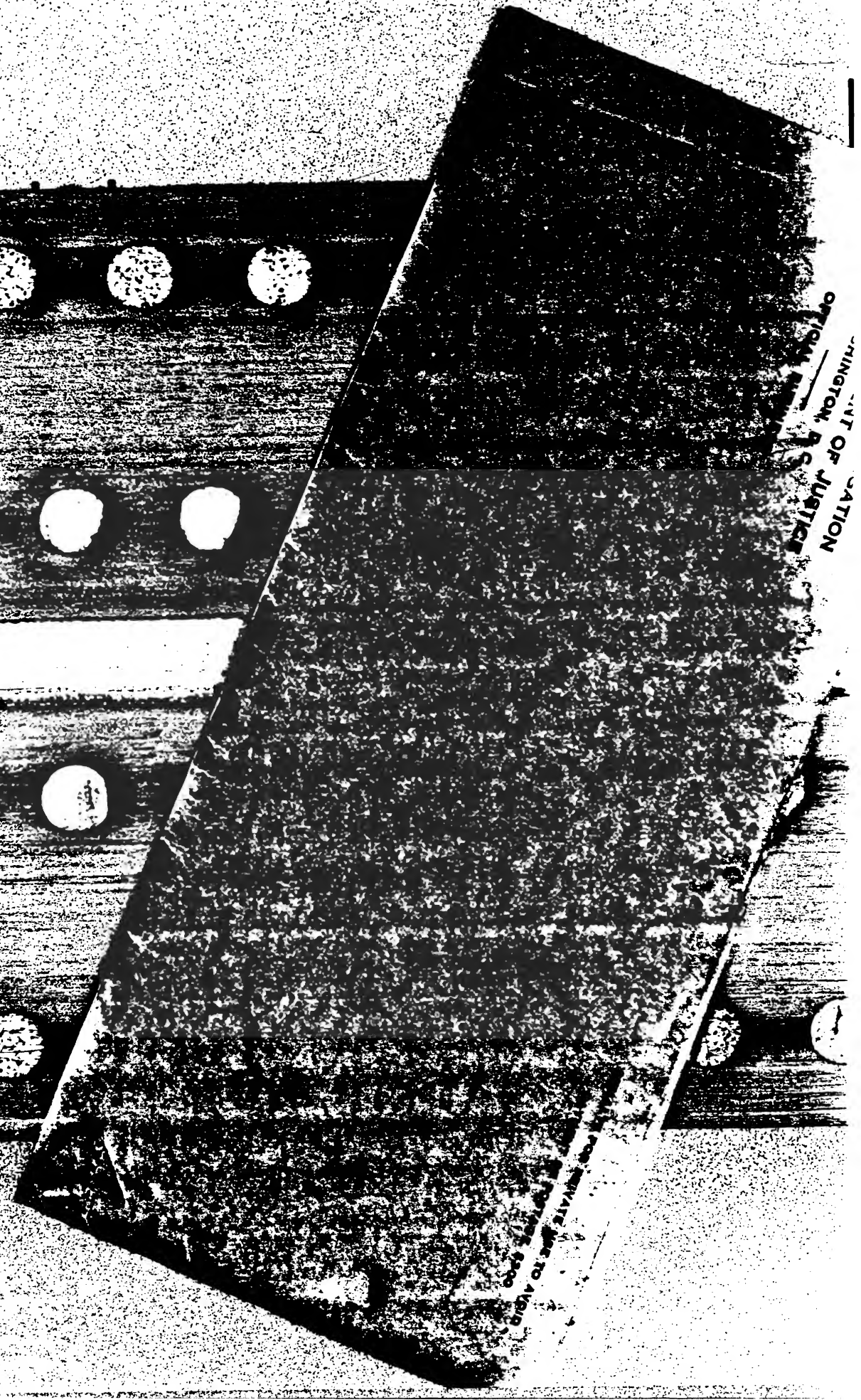
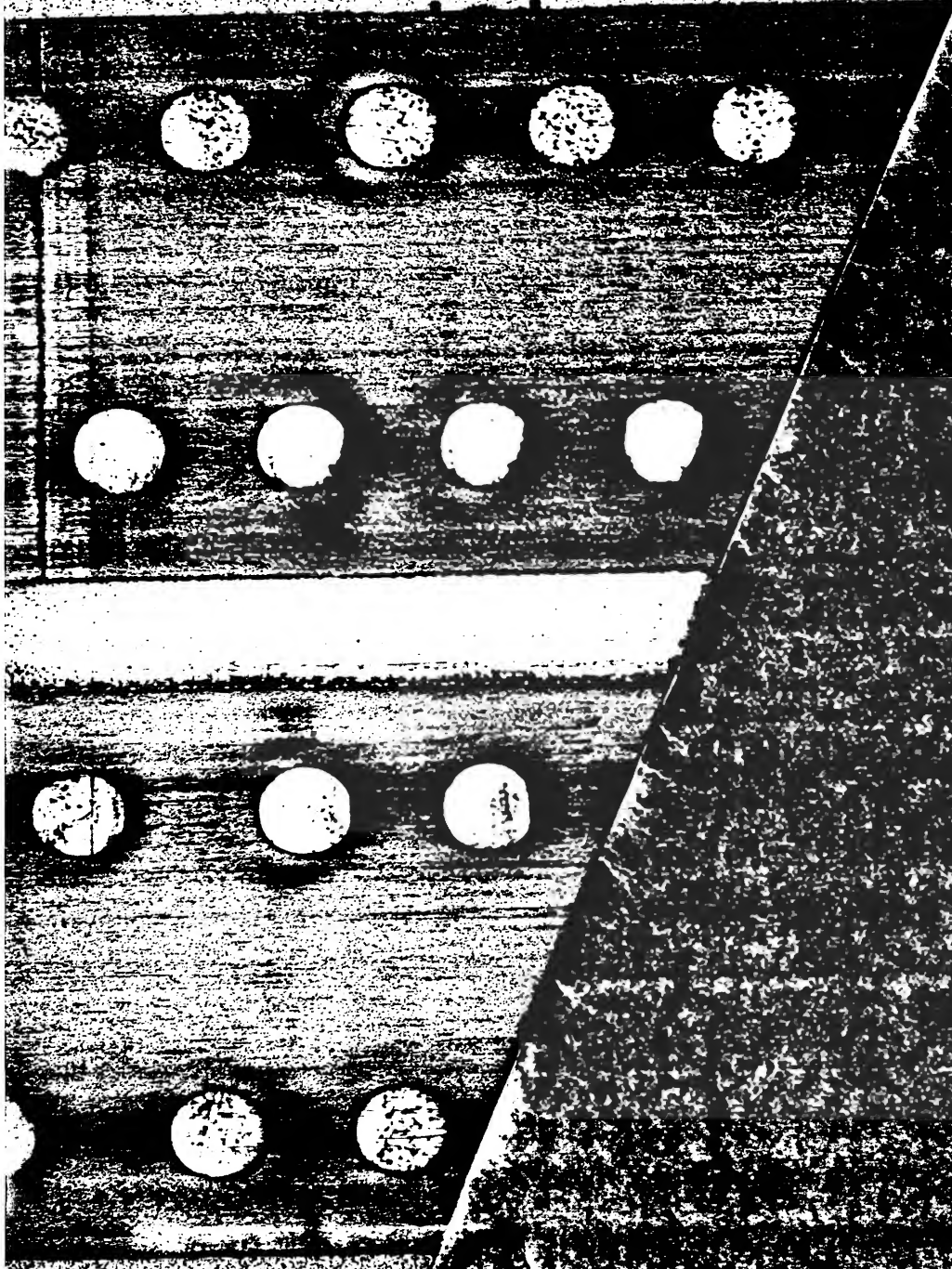
Very truly yours,


D. M. LADD
Special Agent in Charge

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cc St. Paul
Cincinnati



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WASHINGTON, D.C.

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From: Laboratory and Single Fingerprint Unit

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Mr. J. W. Intyre

*Will you advise
them whether Bureau
wants the articles ^{listed} on
the last page's*

See Mr.

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P. COFFEY

John P. Coffey

January 4, 1935

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Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases -
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218, et al;
Edward George Bremer - Victim;
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of December 3, 1935 concerning the articles which were confiscated on January 2, 1935 by Bureau Agents from the apartment occupied by Russell Gibson at 3920 Pinegrove Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, which you transmitted to the Bureau, please be advised that the following equipment used by Fred Barker and Harry Campbell which was recovered at Oklawaha, Florida on January 15, 1935 which is referred to in the letter of reference and which is being retained in the Chicago Office should be transmitted to the Bureau:

One pair field glasses - 8 x 40 #1430496
One flash light - hand
One flash light

The black handbag used for carrying machine gun which was recovered by Bureau Agents at Oklawaha, Florida, should be retained in the Chicago Office until further notice, inasmuch as this bag may be used as evidence against Harry Campbell.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc -
Mr. Connelley, Chicago
Cincinnati
St. Paul
Los Angeles
Salt Lake City

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1448 Standard Building
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December 4, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
Louisville, Kentucky.

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Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Confirming the information furnished Special Agent E. J. Van Ledingham by Special Agent E. D. Brown of this office via long distance telephone this morning concerning [redacted] departure from Chicago on this date for his visit to the Federal Narcotic Farm, Lexington, Kentucky. [redacted] advised he expected to leave Chicago at nine A. M. this morning and would register at the Lafayette Hotel, Lexington, Kentucky upon his arrival there this evening.

Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley directed Agent Brown, as soon as [redacted] date of departure had been determined, to advise the Louisville office that an Agent should contact [redacted] upon his arrival in Lexington, Kentucky and arrange to accompany [redacted] to the Federal Narcotic Farm and remain with him during his visit [redacted] advised that he does not expect to remain in Lexington, Kentucky for more than one or two days [redacted]

It is not desired that the Agent accompanying [redacted] to the Federal Narcotic Farm leave the impression with the officials there that [redacted] is in any way being sponsored by the Bureau, but an attempt should be made to diplomatically arrange with the officials of that institution to see that [redacted] is permitted the usual courtesies [redacted]

Very truly yours,

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J. P. MacFARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

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DIRECTOR

PHONE. BREKID PETER BUREAU LETTER SECOND INSTANT AND TELETYPE WHEN

DATE DAYTONA BEACH NEWS JOURNAL ISSUE MAY 17 LAST CARRIED

ASSOCIATED PRESS ARTICLE FROM ST. PAUL REPORTING CONVICTION DOC

BARKER AND STATING NAMES PERSONS INDICTED ST. PAUL AND STILL BEING

SOUGHT. THIS ARTICLE LISTS WILLIAM WEAVER AND MYRTLE EATON. MILFORD V

CLIFTON ASST. CIRCULATION MANAGER THIS NEWSPAPER TOOK SUBSCRIPTION

FOR SAME FROM WEAVER DECEMBER LAST AND PERSONALLY DELIVERED NEWSPAPER

TO WEAVERS PLACE UNTIL HIS APPREHENSION ALSO COLLECTED WEEKLY FROM

WEAVER AND HAS IDENTIFIED PHOTOS WEAVER AND EATON. SAME ARTICLE CARRI

IN FLORIDA TIMES-UNION, A JACKSONVILLE NEWSPAPER, ON MAY 18 LAST.

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WITNESS AND DESIRED DISPATCH NOT FOUND. ADDITIONAL INQUIRY BEING MADE

DAYTONA BEACH FIFTH INSTANT

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RAA:MFS

Post Office Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Florida.

December 4, 1935.

Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 512,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:-

RE: BREWID.

The postmaster at Sarasota, Florida, has forwarded to the Jacksonville Office the enclosed mail loadings, which were obtained as a result of the cover placed on the mail of Mrs. E. J. Connelley and Mrs. E. A. Head, Sarasota, Florida, and which are as follows:

(1) Special Delivery Letter to Mrs. E. Allen Head, Louise Apt., Laurel St., Sarasota, Florida, postmarked Chicago, Ill., Dec. 1, 1935, 12 M., with return address of 10559 Sealey Ave., Chicago.

(2) Air Mail Special Delivery Letter to Mrs. E. Allen Head, Louise Apt., Laurel St., Sarasota, Florida, postmarked Chicago, Ill., Dec. 2, 1935, 11:30 A. M., with return address of 10559 Sealey Ave., Chicago.

(3) Letter addressed to Mrs. E. A. Head, Louise Apt. 3, Sarasota, Florida, postmarked Detroit, Mich., Nov. 30, 1935, 9:00 P. M., with return address of Alfred - U - Turner, 8308 Yellowstone Ave., Detroit, Mich.

Very truly yours,

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Encl.
cc - Bureau
Cincinnati,
St. Paul

E. A. ALT,
Special Agent in Charge.

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NOTE:

Although the inco. lg code message referred to "Waiver", it is believed that this should be "Weaver", in response to our message of this date.

W. K. Smith
C. K. Smith
Communications Section.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 7-63

REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 12/3/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11/28, 29/35	REPORT MADE BY R. E. MEYER REN:CS
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, w.a. FUGITIVE-I.O. #1218 HARRY CAMPBELL, w.a. FUGITIVE-I.O. #1236 DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, w.a.-I.O. #1232, ET AL EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVE OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: No record of Robert Carville Ormiston at the U. S. Public Health Service, and no record located at Alexandria, Virginia relative to birth or residence there.			
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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent in Charge Werner Hanni dated Aberdeen, South Dakota, November 9, 1935.			
DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.			
<p>Agent telephonically communicated with Miss V. E. Haney, clerk, personnel office, U. S. Public Health Service, and requested information as to whether or not Robert Carville Ormiston had ever been in the employ of that service. Miss Haney, after examining personnel records of present and former employees, advised that she was unable to locate a record under the name of Ormiston.</p>			
AT ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA:			
<p>Agent interviewed Mrs. M. D. Rowland, Nursery, Health Department, Municipal Court Building, who advised that birth records were not kept until the year 1912 and, therefore, the record of birth of Robert Carville Ormiston would not be available from the official records at Alexandria, Virginia.</p>			
<p>Agent interviewed Thornton J. Goods, clerk, City Police Court, who, after examining the records of arrests, advised that he was unable to locate a record under the name of Ormiston.</p>			
<p>The city and telephone directories of Alexandria, Virginia were examined without finding the family name of Ormiston listed therein, and it does not</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>J. M. [Signature]</i>	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES		
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appear that the information set forth in the report of reference relative to the residence of Dr. Robert Carville Grayson, at Alexandria, Virginia, is reliable.

PENDING

700 Sparks Building
Louisville, Kentucky

December 6, 1935

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Special Agent in Charge
Cleveland, Ohio

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Confirming my conversation with Special Agent E. S. Brown of the Chicago Office, on this date, with reference to [REDACTED] please be advised that Special Agent Richard E. Smith will contact [REDACTED] at the Lafayette Hotel, Lexington, Kentucky, tonight, and will take him to the Government Racehorse Farm at Lexington, Kentucky, tomorrow, in order that [REDACTED]

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Agent Smith has been informed to extend every courtesy to [REDACTED] but at the same time, to be careful not in any way to give the idea to the officials at the Government Racehorse Farm, that this Bureau is proceeding [REDACTED]

Very truly yours,

G. C. BERRY
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Bureau
Cincinnati
St. Paul
E. J. Connelley, Supt.

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George Brown

J. Edgar Hoover
DIRECTOR

EAT:CDW

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

December 2, 1935.

Mr. Nathan
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Chief Clerk
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Foxworth
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Joseph
Mr. Keith
Mr. Lester
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Schilder
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

Time - 10:20 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Myrtle Eaton.

Mr. Holtzoff telephoned me and said that he just received a call from the Criminal Division relative to the case of harboring against the above named subject down in Florida. He said that the Criminal Division has been discussing the situation with the United States Attorney down in Florida, and the Criminal Division is of the opinion that the indictment against this woman could be much stronger than it is now. In this connection, the Criminal Division has asked United States Attorney Holland to find a superseding indictment against Myrtle Eaton which will be stronger than the one presently outstanding against her.

Mr. Holtzoff was wondering if the reports in the files of this Bureau which refer to the Bremer Case could be segregated in such a manner as to show the evidence to substantiate the charges of harboring against Myrtle Eaton, and such reports forwarded to the Criminal Division. I told him that while this will probably take some time, there being many volumes of the Bremer Case, I would be glad to have this done and the reports sent to the Criminal Division.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

EAT:CDW

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

November 29, 1935.

Time - 10:15 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

Walter Barlow of the Department telephoned me and said that upon his return this morning to the office, he found on his desk a letter from United States Attorney Holland for the Southern District of Florida relative to a motion made by Cassius McDonald asking the court to exonerate his \$10,000 cash bail bond and to turn the \$10,000 over to his attorneys, setting up the fact that he is in jail in Michigan under the indictment in Minnesota. This matter has been set for hearing at 4:00 P.M., December 4, 1935, which is Wednesday of next week. Holland in his letter to the Department says "it is my opinion that this petition should be resisted, inasmuch as McDonald is in custody in Minnesota and it is obvious that he cannot surrender himself to the United States Marshal at Miami where his bond is returnable. I think a surrender to the Marshal at Miami should unquestionably be a condition precedent to the cancelation of this bond".

Mr. Barlow said that he has a brief of this question which he prepared some time ago when the question was first brought up. He said that although he reached no conclusion at that time, he is of the opinion, in light of one of the previous decisions of Judge Ritter in a similar situation, that Judge Ritter will probably exonerate the bond. Judge Ritter held in this previous decision that in cases of personal recognizance, where the principal for some other offense is re-committed to the custody of the same sovereign to which the recognizance is executed, some courts hold that the former bond is exonerated, while others hold that it should be respited. This is because the offending principal continues available to that sovereign for the ultimate execution of his process in all the cases, so long as he is in jail.

I mentioned that if this bond is exonerated, McDonald will probably be in a position to make bond in Minnesota. Mr. Barlow said that this is true, but an answer to this would be that he couldn't be released with the detainer against him from Florida. Mr. Barlow said that he is going to argue the matter from that standpoint, and also from the standpoint of the re-institution of removal proceedings. Mr. Barlow said that while he is going to argue this as strenuously and vigorously as he knows how, he is a little afraid, in view of the previous decisions of Judge Ritter, of success. However, the matter rests largely within the discretion of Judge Ritter, and Mr. Barlow said that he is going to tell him about the fact that McDonald in our judgment handled nearly half of the ransom money, and for him to come in and ask for a matter which really rests within the equitable discretion of the court is going a little far.

Mr. Nathan ✓
Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Baughman.....
Chief Clerk.....
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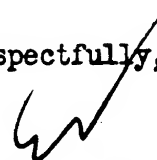
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Mr. Barlow said that he just wanted the Bureau to be advised of the facts in this situation, and also of the fact that he is going to contest this in his most vigorous manner. He said that in the event the bond is exonerated, we will, of course, see that it is handled in such manner that we will be fully protected.

Respectfully,


E. A. TAMM.

1443 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

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December 4, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

RE: BANKYD

It is requested that copies of the most recent
photograph of subject Harry Sawyer be furnished to this
office at the earliest possible date.

Very truly yours,

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- Chicago
- Cincinnati

J. P. McFARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box #12,
Chicago, Illinois.

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Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218, et al;
Edward George Bremer, Victim;
Kidnaping.

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to previous efforts of the Chicago Office to develop information as to the location of Karpis and Campbell through [redacted] In view of the fact that no apparent progress has been made, the Bureau feels that the following suggestions may prove of some assistance in this matter.

Reference is made to the letter of the Indianapolis Office to the Bureau in the Dillinger case, dated January 30, 1935, and the attached memorandum of Special Agent F. E. Hurley, reporting an interview with Mrs. Gus Winkler. It is noted that the Chicago Office received a copy of this communication in which it is stated that Dr. Von Vorries, (correct name Otto Von Borries) a plastic surgeon located in the Butler Building on State Street, Chicago, Illinois, is a clever surgeon; that he was at one time closely connected with Gus Winkler, the connection between the two having been effected by an unscrupulous physician known as Dr. David D. Oens. It is noted therein that Dr. Von Borries straightened the nose and made other facial alterations on Gus Winkler. It is also shown that when Von Borries' professional integrity was questioned, the latter altered the fingerprints of Gus Winkler. It is observed that as a result of these contacts Dr. Oens, who does a great deal of professional work for the arch criminals of Chicago and elsewhere, roped Dr. Von Borries into his crooked circle and compelled him to continue operations from time to time on criminals who needed such a nature which Dr. Oens could not give them. In this way Von Borries became fearful of the consequences and hesitated to divulge information to the police.

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According to Mrs. Winkler, Von Borries has been living in fear ever since he first operated on Winkler. It is further shown in the letter that Gus Winkler was introduced to Von Borries by Owens in the name of Mr. Rayak; that Von Borries does what he is told to do very meekly. It is shown that Dr. Owens is in the criminal racket for the money he can get out of it; that he is shrewd and clever; that many doubted crooks are directed to him by gang leaders with the idea that he try to obtain facts from them as to their dependability and truthfulness, and that he is remarkably clever in this capacity.

It is reflected that Mrs. Winkler claims that Von Borries and Owens have operated upon Fred Burke and others. It is pointed out that Von Borries is a clever and necessary tool in the hands of Dr. Owens, and that the latter is really the man to be watched.

Your attention is now directed to the report of Special Agent W. Carter Baum, dated at Chicago, Illinois, September 19, 1933, the said report being submitted in the Kansas City Massacre case. It is shown therein that Arthur Johnson alias "Red" Price, who is known to the Bureau as a former associate of members of the syndicate and others in Chicago, Illinois, was treated at the Jefferson Park Hospital, Chicago, Illinois, on November 16, 1931. The records disclose that he was attended by Dr. David V. Owens. Particular reference is made to page nine of this report, on which it is shown that Dr. Owens has an office at 1211 Independence Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois.

Your attention is now directed to the report of Special Agent J. M. Hanson, dated at Jacksonville, Florida, February 20, 1935, in the Bremer case. Special attention is directed to page twenty-five thereof, reflecting that an advertisement was found among the personal effects of Alvin Karpis in Miami, Florida, on or about January 16, 1935, advertising Dr. Von Borries as a plastic surgeon.

Reference is now made to the report of Special Agent E. C. Suran, dated at Chicago, Illinois, April 3, 1935, in the Bremer case on page sixteen of which it is noted that a general character investigation was made concerning Dr. Von Borries. The Bureau is not advised of any further investigation which has been conducted in this matter.

It is suggested, however, in view of the fact that little progress is being made through [REDACTED] b7c b7d

Mr. E. J. Connelley

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[REDACTED] Numerous reports in the past have indicated that Karpis and Campbell have connections with the syndicate in Chicago. It is observed, of course, that Von Berries and Owens are both syndicate doctors. It is suggested that this matter be given appropriate attention by the Chicago Office in the hope that some further information may be obtained in regard to Karpis and Campbell.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc St. Paul
Cincinnati
Cleveland
Louisville

1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

December 4, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
Nashville, Tennessee.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

The early part of July of this year Mr. Edward S. Clark, Divisional Manager, Finbertson's National Detective Agency, Cleveland, Ohio, advised this office he had an informant who had recently told him he had seen Alvin Karpis, seven other unknown men and an unknown woman, while in the vicinity of Cleveland and Toledo, Ohio.

Mr. Clark informed that his informant, whose name at that time he would not divulge, stated he did not realize on the first occasion of his meeting Karpis that he was with this well known hoodlum. Photographs of the various members of this gang were furnished to Mr. Clark who, on a later date, exhibited these pictures to his informant, who definitely identified the photograph of Karpis and tentatively identified photographs of William J. Harrison and Harry Campbell. Of course, the identification of William J. Harrison was not correct in view of the information relative to his death near Chicago, Illinois on January 8, 1935. Mr. Clark's informant told him these men were residing in a cottage on Lake Erie between Cleveland and Toledo, Ohio, probably nearer Toledo, Ohio, and that a woman from Toledo frequently visited this cottage late at night via the back door, delivering some message and leaving almost immediately. On the occasions of several interviews with Mr. Clark during July and August, 1935, he declined to furnish the name of this informant, advising that he believed this informant would be unfriendly toward interviews by Bureau Agents and that he, Clark, thought he could do more with the informant due to his past associations with him than representatives of the Bureau. However, Mr. Clark stated he had great difficulty in contacting his informant who spent a great deal of his time in Toledo, Ohio. Mr. Clark did not advise at that time the reason for this informant's being in Toledo.

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Mr. Clark was advised of the confidential rewards which would be paid for information leading to the apprehension of Karpis and Campbell by Bureau Agents. Mr. Clark took this matter up with his informant, who appeared to be interested at that time. However, Mr. Clark was unable to contact his informant again although he said he made numerous attempts to do so. Concerning the ability and trustworthiness of this informant, Mr. Clark advised he had been using this informant and had found him to be both reliable and productive.

On the last occasion of Mr. Clark's interview with this informant, the informant told him that Karpis and the other seven unknown men had moved from their cottage to some place nearer Toledo, Ohio and here occupied a good-sized home; that they had approached him, the informant, with a proposition to change a quantity of money at the rate of 40¢ per dollar. He further informed Mr. Clark he had been fishing with Karpis; that the fishing expedition took place at night; that a man from Toledo had first arranged the contact with Karpis and the other men, and the informant was driven around for some distance before actually approaching the house where these men stayed. The description which this informant furnished to Mr. Clark of Alvin Karpis is essentially correct, including the noticeable stoop of Karpis' shoulders, and other characteristics. With reference to the location of the point near Toledo where these men were staying, informant advised Mr. Clark that it was not a great distance due to the fact it only required a 15¢ charge for a telephone call. However, the informant advised he did not have the telephone number, although same had been offered to him by the man who had originally made the connection. On the last occasion of Mr. Clark's interview with this informant, the informant agreed to go to Toledo, Ohio, make contact with the man who had arranged the original introduction, and after locating the place where Karpis was in hiding would advise Mr. Clark. On the morning of July 26, 1935 Mr. Clark received a plain postal card from his informant, which was unsigned but postmarked, Toledo, Ohio, on which he stated he had not yet made contact but "would let Mr. Clark know later."

Because of Mr. Clark's position as Divisional Manager of the Pinkerton's National Detective Agency, he is away from Cleveland a great deal of the time and difficulty has been experienced in contacting him. Due to the strong indications developed through investigation at Toledo and Cleveland, Ohio and Chicago, Illinois that Karpis and Campbell were actually in Toledo and vicinity during

the past summer further attempt was made to induce Mr. Clark to furnish the name of his informant.

On November 28, 1935 Mr. Clark was again interviewed by Special Agent E. B. Brown, at which time he stated he had been unable to reach his informant, although he has tried on numerous occasions; that his informant's name is [REDACTED] b7c b7d

[REDACTED] that an investigation shows [REDACTED] left [REDACTED] some time during September, 1935 and the only information he was able to obtain as to their location was that they were somewhere in Tennessee or Kentucky. He stated that just previous to [REDACTED] departure from Cleveland he attempted to contact [REDACTED] at the above address but found [REDACTED] was not at home. Mr. Clark talked with [REDACTED] who appeared to have been told by [REDACTED] about Mr. Clark. She indicated she did not want her husband to become involved with the persons [REDACTED] had told her about (evidently meaning Karpis, et al) and induced him to have nothing more to do with them whatsoever. Due to this information it appears advisable that when [REDACTED] is interviewed he should be interviewed alone and not in the presence of his wife.

Mr. Clark again outlined the information furnished him by [REDACTED] on previous interviews with him, which is substantially the same as that set forth above. He stated he believes [REDACTED] actually made contact with Karpis and the others residing with him on Lake Erie at that time. Concerning his reason for failure to furnish [REDACTED] identity to Agents of the Cleveland office, Mr. Clark stated that at the time he was furnishing this information to the Cleveland office [REDACTED] was furnishing valuable information to his agency with reference to the strike at the Auto Lite Corporation at Toledo, Ohio. He advised that his agency protests this concern and during the strike a great deal of difficulty was experienced until [REDACTED] furnished the information as to the leaders of the strike, after which his agency was able to produce results. He stated that [REDACTED] at his request, [REDACTED]

It is Mr. Clark's opinion that this attorney possibly is the person who originally made possible the contact between Karpis and [REDACTED] This matter will receive appropriate attention by this office.

Mr. Clark stated he would make every attempt to determine the present address of [REDACTED] through sources of information he had developed in attempting to locate him on previous occasions. On November 29, 1935 Mr. Clark advised that he had determined that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] he stated it appears impossible to determine [REDACTED]

their exact address [redacted] Mr. Clark described [redacted] as follows:

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Age	-	35 years
Height	-	5'9 1/2"
Weight	-	155 pounds
Complexion	-	Brown
Hair	-	Dark
Eyes	-	Dark
Nationality	-	Noticably of Italian extraction; Quick in speech and movements.

Recently investigation by the Oklahoma City and Cleveland Bureau offices indicates a very strong possibility that Harry Campbell is in Cleveland or vicinity and has been in Cleveland periodically since May, 1935. It is, therefore, requested that every attempt be made to locate [redacted] When located the Agent making the interview should advise he is being interviewed at the instigation of Mr. Clark of the Pinkerton's National Detective Agency at Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Clark is of the opinion that the informant is probably embarrassed financially at this time. This informant should be advised of the confidential rewards which will be paid by the Bureau for information given to the Bureau which will lead to the apprehension of Karpis and Campbell. If an interview with this informant appears satisfactory and if it is the informant's opinion that he can again make contact with Karpis through other contacts at Cleveland and Toledo, the matter of paying expenses and a daily salary to this man should be taken up with the Bureau at once in order that he may be permitted to proceed to Cleveland and Toledo for the purpose of making contact. It is evident that this informant fears the possible publicity, or knowledge by the Cleveland and Toledo underworld should he furnish information. The proper assurance should be given him to counteract any objection he may have along this line.

It appears quite possible that this informant has had and may have valuable information relative to the location of Karpis and Campbell and contact of these subjects. This matter should, therefore, be given immediate and thorough attention.

Very truly yours,

RMR/EVB

CC - Bureau
- St. Paul
- Chicago
- Cincinnati

J. P. MacFARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

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November 25th, 1935.

Division of Investigation,
U. S. Dept. of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

RE: your Number FBI-271926.

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Gentlemen:-

Copy of your letter of November 6th

Edward J. G. W.

The pictures sent of William Elmer Meade are also those of Frank F. Taylor who came to my Summer home in New Sharon, Maine, on the afternoon of June 18th, 1935, representing himself as the close personal friend of the late James H. Ross, of Oklahoma City, and acting for Mrs. Ross in the proposed purchase of my sea shore estate at First Cliff Scituate, Mass. I had advertized the place for sale late in May and Taylor and a small middle aged woman had been to see it a few days before Taylor came to New Sharon. I had a caretaker on the place and he showed them through even though it was rented. Taylor assured me of Mrs. Ross interest in the place as she wanted to locate near Boston; further that she had several million dollars and would pay cash. After having supper with us he left to go fishing at Moosehead Lake, Maine, and returned on the morning of June 24th, showing me a telegram signed "Jennie Ross" saying she would take the Scituate property and to have party meet her at noon on the 26th, at Eggleston Inn, Hyannis, Mass. I drove with him after lunch at my home on the 24th, to Boston staying at the Hotel Vendome. On the following day I took him to my lawyers' office and he engaged them to have an examination of the title made. In the afternoon we played golf at Scituate, he having his clubs with him.

On the 26th, we arrived at the Eggleston Inn at 12 noon, but no Mrs. Ross. We walked up the street and inquired at the Eggleston Inn annex which was just opening, there we found a man introduced to me as Mrs. Ross son-in-law Mr. Parker of Boston. He was of light complexion, about 35, weight perhaps 160 lbs. approximately 5' 8" tall. Parker said Mrs. Ross had been called to New York on the 24th owing to serious illness of her daughter, but was due back late in the afternoon.

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November 25th, 1935.

Division of Investigation,

Taylor and I went to lunch, and while eating he apologized to me for stepping on my foot under the table. When I told him that it was not my foot he was stepping on he reached down and picked up a man's leather pocket book about 4" x 8" and suggested, as we had finished our meal, that we go out to the car and see what was in it, which we did. Contents revealed 2 - \$100.00 bills and one \$20.00 bill, several newspaper clippings from one of which a picture had been torn out. There was also a telegram indicating that the owner of the pocket book was in a nearby hotel and was in the employ of a race track owning syndicate.

I suggested to Taylor that the man was a crook and that he did not deserve the return of the pocket book to which he did not agree, and so we went to the hotel and found the man there and returned the pocket book to him. I had no suspicion of Taylor at the time but told the other man that he was a crook and that I had met several of his kind during the years that I had served as a member of the Massachusetts State Board of Prison Commissioners some years ago.

As we were about to leave the hotel the son-in-law Parker came up the street saying he had been hunting for us, that he had phoned New York and that Mrs. Ross could not leave her daughter, but for Taylor to go over there and she would fix things up with him. He took me as far as Braintree, Mass., where I had a man working on my house and there left me saying that he would go directly to New York and that the whole matter would be settled within a few days at my lawyer's office in Boston.

I returned to my farm in Maine the next day and received there a telegram from Taylor at Providence, R. I., saying he had been called back home on urgent business and that he had turned the whole matter over to Mrs. Ross and that if things turned out right I would see him again.

Not hearing from him, and having my letters returned I started an investigation the salient facts of which I think you now have. If I can be of any further help you can call on me and when you apprehend Taylor I would like to know, as I want to feel he is out of opportunity to come back at me or my family.

Awaiting your word, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. H. Stedman
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James H. Stedman

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December 3, 1935.

Mr. J. H. Stedman,
1105 Beaver Hall Hill,
Montreal, Ontario,
Canada.

Dear Sir:

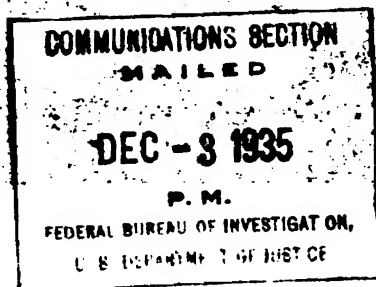
I am pleased to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated November 25, 1935, in which you furnished this Bureau with the details of the attempted swindle on the part of Frank F. Taylor, in which matter you were the intended victim.

I assure you that every effort is being made by the Federal Bureau of Investigation to cause the apprehension of Taylor, who is identical with one William E. Heade who is presently under indictment in Jacksonville, Florida charged with the use of the United States mails to defraud.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc-Buffalo



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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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December 2, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: DEATH OF DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN
AND WILLIAM J. HARRISON

The Bureau is advised by the St. Paul Office that DeCoursey, Attorney at Law, who defended Arthur R. Barker during the Bremer trial at St. Paul in the spring of 1935, has advised as follows with regard to the death of Moran and Harrison:

He stated that Barker told him that the machine gun which was found in Barker's possession at the time of the latter's arrest in Chicago, which machine gun has been identified as having been stolen from Officer Yoeman during the course of the robbery of the Stockyards National Bank, South St. Paul, Minnesota, was obtained by Barker from Willie Harrison. DeCoursey suggested to Barker that Harrison might be produced as a witness and would deny that he gave Barker this gun, whereupon Barker stated that he had no fear of Harrison appearing as a witness.

DeCoursey also mentioned to Barker that Dr. Moran might be in a position to testify against him, Barker. The latter stated that Moran was one person who would not be able to do any testifying. DeCoursey advised that this statement was made to him in such a manner that it led him to the conclusion that Dr. Moran was dead. DeCoursey stated that Barker did not definitely state that Moran was dead, but that had he said so in fact it would not have been any more convincing than what was said to him and the manner in which it was said.

Respectfully,

K. R. McIntire
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J. Edgar Hoover
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

November 29, 1935.

Time - 5:32 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Berghman
Chief Clerk
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
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Mr. Egan
Mr. Foxworth
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Joseph
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Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

I telephoned Mr. Connelley at the Chicago Office asking if there have been any developments in the investigation at Cleveland, Ohio, looking to the apprehension of Campbell and possibly Karpis.

Mr. Connelley said that he talked with Agent Brown at Cleveland who advised him that while the investigation is going forward vigorously, and they are checking every possible source of information, nothing tangible has developed as yet.

Mr. Connelley mentioned the fact that next week he has to be in Indianapolis for the trial of George W. Barrett for the murder of Special Agent Nelson B. Klein, and stated that after this trial is over, he plans to go up to Cleveland to look the situation over, depending, of course, on the situation as it may stand at that time. I told him that this would appear to be a good idea.

The Bureau will be kept advised of developments of note in this investigation.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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OKLAHOMA CITY DIVISION OFFICE
(Name and address of Contributor)

Date January 25, 1935

Mr. J. E. Hoover, Director,
U. S. Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O.
1218; ET AL;
Edward George Bremer - Victim
KIDNAPPING

Dear Sir:-

Following are the dispositions of cases on which
fingerprints have been mailed to the U. S. Bureau of Investiga-
tion:

Print Number	Name and Alias	Disposition
# 186 Special Ser- vice Dept., St Louis San Francisco R R Co., Sapulpa, Okla. 5/26/22	X WILLIAM WEAVER alias PHOENIX, 7920 O'DONNELL with aliases	Turned over to Sheriff. Released by Sheriff without prosecution.

This form to be submitted to the U. S. Bureau of
Investigation to report dispositions of cases in which prints
were forwarded previously. Dispositions include such informa-
tion as advice relative to sentences imposed, fines, discharges
from custody, etc. Several cases may be listed on each sheet.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.
(Official Title)

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Mr. Foxworth
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Joseph
Mr. Keith
Mr. Lester
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Schilder
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Gandy

Time - 2:50 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

During a telephonic conversation which I had with Special Agent in Charge Connelley, who is at Indianapolis in connection with the trial of George W. Barrett for the murder of Special Agent Nelson B. Klein, I inquired as to when he thought Special Agent S. K. McKee could be released from his part in this trial at Indianapolis. Mr. Connelley said that he could not tell at this time, since he is about 17th or 18th on the list of witnesses, there having been only about five or six called thus far. I then informed him that it would appear desirable to have him proceed to Havana, Cuba, just as soon as he is released in Indianapolis to cover the lead in Havana, Cuba on Harry Campbell as a result of information furnished by one Mr. Waters of Havana to the New York Office.

I informed Mr. Connelley of the information which we have to the effect that the officials of the State Department plan to enter into a contract with each of the Cuban witnesses in this matter guaranteeing them their expenses and a certain per diem during their stay in the United States. I told him that in view of this, it would not appear desirable nor necessary for us to have anything further to do with the witnesses.

Mr. Connelley said that he would advise McKee of the facts relative to the Waters lead in Havana, and just as soon as he is free at Indianapolis, he will plan to cover this lead.

Respectfully,


E. A. TAMM.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

DECEMBER 6, 1935

Transmit the following message to: SAC SAN FRANCISCO

REKID; INVESTIGATION BY LOS ANGELES OFFICE SHOWS WILLIAM ELMER BEANE
ARRESTED ON SEPTEMBER 27, 1916, KINGS COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, SENT TO
SAN QUENTIN. OBTAIN DETAILS AT SAN QUENTIN, CHARGE, DATE AND DURATION
OF SENTENCE, WHEN RELEASED AND UNDER WHAT CONDITIONS RELEASED. EXPEDITE.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

DECEMBER 6, 1935

Transmit the following message to: SAC DENVER

BREKID; INVESTIGATION BY LOS ANGELES OFFICE DISCLOSES WILLIAM ELMER WEARE
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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 515
Saint Paul, Minnesota

December 3, 1935

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Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Ave. at 9th St., N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are copies of a letter dated December 2, 1935, from United States Attorney George F. Sullivan here, addressed to the Jacksonville Office. Inasmuch as that letter contains subpoenas in connection with this case, the United States Attorney's Office felt that that letter should go direct from their office.

Very truly yours,

H. E. Andersen

H. E. ANDERSEN,
Special Agent in Charge.

CS:rmw

Enclosure

Cc Mr. E. J. Connelley (Enc) &

Chicago (Enc)

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Saint Paul
December 2, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
U. S. Post Office and Court House Building,
Jacksonville, Florida.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith, 17 subpoenas issued by the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota, running to the United States Marshal for the Southern District of Florida and/or any special agent of the United States Department of Justice for service upon necessary and essential witnesses for the Government in the federal kidnaping conspiracy case, which has been set down for trial in this district on January 6, 1936. This kidnaping case, as you know, arises out of the seizure and interstate transportation of Edward G. Bremer, a St. Paul banker.

You will note that some of these subpoenas require the witnesses to produce certain documentary evidence. It may be that some of the documentary evidence thus required is in the possession of your bureau. It is assumed that wherever it may be your bureau will take the necessary steps to locate it and have it produced at the proper time.

You will note that James Tinely, Auditor of the McAllister Hotel in Miami, and Roy Stager and Thiel Efferson, clerks of said hotel, have been subpoenaed. It may be that Stager and Efferson both are still in the employ of the McAllister Hotel. If so, and if they will produce the records required to be produced by Tinely, the auditor of the hotel, it will not be necessary for Tinely to appear as a witness inasmuch as he can turn the documentary evidence over to Stager and Efferson, each of whom registered Cassius McDonald into the McAllister Hotel on two occasions in September, 1934.

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With reference to the subpoena for the District Director of Immigration at Jacksonville to produce a considerable amount of documentary evidence, it is assumed that the evidence thus required to be produced consists of original records made by the Immigration authorities in pursuance of law and regulations, and consist of official Government records maintained by the Immigration Bureau. If this be not true and should it develop that these records actually were made by other than a Government agency, I should like to be advised at once in that regard in order that we may subpoena the persons who actually made up these records and forwarded them to the Immigration authorities for recording.

You will notice that the subpoenas require these witnesses to appear in St. Paul on January 9, 1936. This trial commences on January 6, 1936. In view of the previous trial it is quite possible that the defense counsel will stipulate that certain facts are true, proof of which consumed considerable time at the previous trial. In view of the order ^{that} the proof in this case must necessarily take at the next trial, should defense counsel fail to stipulate as stated, it is altogether probable that these foreign witnesses will not be put on the witness stand on January 9, 1936.

It occurs to me that it may be possible for your bureau to make some arrangement with these witnesses whereunder they will proceed to St. Paul upon telegraphic notice from this office to your bureau, stating the time, as nearly as may be, when they will be required to appear to testify. Such arrangement, of course, would be to their advantage and is suggested merely for their accommodation should they desire the matter arranged that way. This case, on the previous trial, consumed a period of five weeks and, of course, all these witnesses doubtless would be considerably put out if they appeared here on January 9 to find that their testimony was not required until some time later. Accordingly, in the circumstances of the case, I bring the situation to your attention in order that you may make such arrangements as your best judgment dictates.

Yours very truly,

GEORGE F. SULLIVAN
United States Attorney.

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